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RIDGEWOOD AREA	1st		Fine sunny day. 1st and 2nd Bns. moved from RIDGEWOOD AREA to RENINGHELST AREA in accordance with Bde order N° 70 attached as appendix 1-14/18.	1-14/18
WIPPENHOEK AREA.	2nd		Fine warm day. The Brigade less 1st and 2nd Bns. moved from RIDGEWOOD AREA to WIPPENHOEK area in accordance with Bde order N° 71 attached as appendix -	2-14/18
	3rd		Dull day with rain at intervals. General cleaning up carried out by units. Training consisted of close order drill to smarten men up and route marches. Bde order N° 72 attached as appendix 3-14/18.	3-14/18
	4th		Dull day showery at intervals. General cleaning up carried out by units. 1st Bde order N° 73 in reference to Bde move attached as appendix 4-14/18.	4-14/18
	5th		Dull day but fine. The brigade moved in accordance with Bde order N° 73 from WIPPENHOEK AREA by train from GODEWAERSVELDE to AMIENS, detrained	

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RAINNE - VILLE	5 th		at ST. ROCH station and marched to RAINNEVILLE on morning of 6 th	
AREA.	6 th		Fine day & warm. Trains reported running to time and units arrived at destination as follows 1 st Bde. RAINNEVILLE, 3 rd Bde to CARDONETTE, 4 th Bde to RAINNEVILLE.	
	7 th		Dull day rain at intervals. 1 st Bde moved to ALLONVILLE, 2 nd Bde HQ. and 2 Coys at CARDONETTE & two Coys at ALLONVILLE. Whole move reported complete at 12 noon.	
	8 th		Dull day with rain at intervals. Units had short sharp route marches. Bde order number 74 dealing with move to take place on 9 th attached as appendix 5-14/18.	
MONTIGNY AREA.	9 th		Fine day but dull. Bde moved in accordance with attached order N° 74. Officers of Bde staff	5-14/18 14226

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MONTIGNY AREA.	9 th Contd. 10 th		<p>3rd Bde order A.Z.A. 824 attached as appendix 6-4/18. } and of units reconnoitered routes to forward area } Fine clear day. Warning order received for move to the north. 3rd Bde order A.Z.A. 838 in reference to move attached as appendix 7-4/18. 3rd Bde recalled from BAIZIEUX with 2 Coys to FRECHENCOURT H.Q. and 1 Coy to MONTIGNY Chateau, 1 Coy. at BEAUCOURT.</p>	6-4/18 attached
	11 th		<p>Fine clear day. 3rd Bde moved to AMIENS by route march and entrained at ST ROCH station in accordance with 3rd Bde order N° 75. attached as appendix 8-4/18. While in ST ROCH siding enemy shelled and bombed in the vicinity causing a number of casualties to personnel loading trains. Train left over an hour late but quite intact.</p>	8-4/18
STRAZEELE AREA.	12 th		<p>Fine day. 1st Bde detrained at HONDIGHENT (near HAZEBROUCK) at 9 a.m. after an uneventful journey and marched to billets in BORRE. One Coy. of 3rd Bde moved direct</p>	7-4/18

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STRAZEELE AREA.	12 th Cont.		to STRAZEELE and took up a position of readiness in the STRAZEELE defences. Bde order N° 76 dealing with the action of the Bde on detachment attached as appendix 9-14/18. Bde battle headquarters established in BORRE. No information could be gained as to the situation from front line units. 3 rd and 4 th Bns moved forward & prepared a defensive line east of STRAZEELE.	9-14/18
	13 th		Fine day. 3 rd and 4 th Bns continued the defensive line east of STRAZEELE. 5 th Composite Bn known as X Battalion composed of officers & men from schools in 2 nd Army area put under the instructions of G.D.C. 1st A.I. Bde. They received orders to construct a line of platoon posts on the line E9 Cent, E4 Cent. to join up with the STRAZEELE defences. The 2 nd Bns were	400 4

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STRAZEELE AREA.	13 th Cont.		<p>instructed ^{to move} by priority wire to position of readiness to E4 and to reconnoitre the line being prepared by the 3rd Battalion as the line was reported to be thinly held on the right & likely to give way. Officers of all units made reconnaissances of forward areas & support positions acting on instructions from Gde head quarters. 1st Battalion ^{in support} base in the vicinity of PRADELLE'S awaiting instructions.</p> <p>92nd Bde on our ^{right} left front reported S.O.S at 3.1 p.m. & thought it probable the enemy would break thro' or bend the line. The front was reported quiet at 3.20 p.m. with the exception of artillery activity.</p> <p>At 5.58 p.m. Gde informed that the Irish Guards on our right had been pushed back through the 2nd Aust. Inf Bde who now held the front line. At the same time a gap was reported between</p>	

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STRAZEELE AREA.	13 th Contd.		<p>the 29th and 33rd Imp. Divisions to our left front. The Cameroonian requested the 4th Bde to extend & fill the gap, but the request was not complied with, but standing patrols were out covering approaches from the N.E. 2nd Bde carried on work of Sec Bois defences commenced by the 5th Composite Bde who commenced a new line for the defence of BORRE and the R.O.D. workshops at W. 7. Information was extremely difficult to obtain as all units forward of our line were entirely out of touch & had been so for a considerable time. Troops in front of our line received orders to withdraw through us, the defence of the sector thus being assumed by the 15th A.I. Bde. See Bde Order No 77 attached as appendix 10-14/18.</p>	<p>Summary of Operations attached as appendix 10th/14/18.</p> <p>10/4/18 A.I. Bde</p>

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STRAZEELE AREA.	14 th		<p>Fine day cool and windy. At 7.5 am. word was received from unit that all friendly troops in front of our line had withdrawn. At 6.58 am an S.O.S. was fired in F1 and E6 but 15 min prior to this the enemy had ^{moved} attacked under cover of a heavy barrage thro' VIEUX BERQUIN and MERRIS. At 7.30 am. the attack was launched many supports still coming through the above named villages. The enemy made little progress along the level ground to the right of our sector only securing farm buildings in E11B. At 7.45 am. enemy troops came forward from wood in F7C & over E11C, in three waves but did not succeed in reaching our lines. Heavy artillery fire and intense fire from our Vickers and Lewis guns & rifles caused</p>	<p>see Intelligence Summary No 1</p>

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STRAZEELE AREA.	14 th Contd.		<p>heavy casualties in the enemys ranks and our line remained intact. The enemys intention object was to continue his advance and the immediate objective was the high ground from Mont de Merris thro' STRAZEELE.</p> <p>Our brigade linked up on the right with 2nd Aust. Inf Bde and on the left with 19th (Imperial) Inf. Bde at E.H.C. 7.3. and X 19C.1.9. respectively two battalions 3rd and 4th in the line, 1st, 2nd in support at PRADELLES and Sec Bois respectively. Enemy positions in Wood at F 7.C. and at E 11 B 4 C. and along railway line in E 12 A 9 B were subjected to heavy artillery fire throughout the day. French troops consisting of 123rd Division with 2 groups of artillery came up as supports and units advised that they</p>	<p>see Intell igence Summary No 1</p> <p>H. D. 00</p>

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STRAZEELE AREA.	14 th		could be called on in case of necessity. Intelligence summary with appendix "a" & "b" attached as appendix 11-14/18. Enemy shelling was consistent throughout the day & a concentration shoot with the object of destroying STRAZEELE took place in the afternoon. Pde Hd. moved to W25A58.	11-14/18
	15 th		Fire day visibility low. Situation was quiet during early morning, S.O.S. was fired in. X25D at 9.30 am. but no enemy attack eventuated. Artillery S.O.S. line arranged to protect the whole Pde front. Construction of defensive works carried on with energetically large parties being employed. The left of the 4 th Bn overlapped the junction with the Brigade on our left & was not altered as no gap occurred in the actual front	

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STRAZEELE AREA.	15 th	Contd	line post and the overlap constituted a support line & a protection for our left flank.	
	16 th		Summary of Intelligence N° 2 attached as appendix 13-14/18. Fine day but low visibility. Considerable amount of artillery fire from both sides took place during the day, enemy artillery being very much more active showing a great increase in the number of guns opposite our front. At 1.14 p.m. Division warned the Brigade by 'phone that our support battalion should be ready to move at very short notice to cooperate in an attack with the French on our left. Bde order n° 78 attached as appendix 13-14/18. At 6.30 p.m. the 1st Bn moved from PRADELLES to cooperate with the French in an attack on Meteren and to maintain communication with the 4 th Bn on the right.	13-14/18 13-14/18 13-14/18

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STRAZELE AREA	16 th	5 th	<p>The battalion with a 3 Coy. frontage occupied a line running approx. X.25.C.7.8. - X.20.C.3.0, X.20.A.7.4. and one coy. in support at X.19.A.9.2. The relief of the 15th Scottish Rifles who were holding this position was effected at 6.15 am. on morning of 17th. The French attack did not eventuate. Gde Summary of Intelligence N° 3 attached as appendix 14-14/18. A minor operation was carried out by the 4th Bⁿ with the object of straightening out the front line through E6A, W30B, X25A and to secure direct front line observation into Merris. See Gde Order N° 79⁸⁰ and an account of operation by Commanding officer 4th Bⁿ attached as appendix 15-14/18 and 16-4/18 respectively. An advance of 800 yds was carried out, the line secured and consol-</p>	<p>14-14/18 15-14/18 16-14/18 original only J. G. J.</p>

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STRAZEELE AREA.	16 th	7th Contd.	At the least 70 of the enemy were killed and one unwounded prisoner was captured. Bde order N ^o 79 attached as appendix 17-14/18	17-14/18
	17 th		Cool day and dull. Summary of Intelligence N ^o 4 attached as appendix 18-14/18.	18-14/18
			Report on attack by enemy on our left and centre battalions on morning of 17 th attached as appendix 19-14/18. Reports attached to original only. Briefly the attack was as follows	19-14/18
			At 9.30 am. a heavy barrage was opened by the enemy under cover of which the attack was launched against our 1 st and 4 th Bns. up the valley between Merris and Meteren. He was engaged with MG and rifle fire & failed to reach our posts. MG's of companies on the flanks of the attack brought effective	19-14/18

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STRAZEELE AREA			<p>enfilade fire to bear. Following on this attack enemy attitude seemed ominous and great deal of movement was observed in E11, B, E12A and on MONT de MERRIS. His troops which appeared to be massing were badly cut about by our artillery who put down a counter preparation barrage. The 12th Bn of 3rd A. I. Bde was put at the disposal of the 1st Bde in case of emergency. A priority message was sent ^{at 12.15 pm.} to the 12th to move ^{one Coy} forward and get in touch with the 11th Bn & be in a position of readiness on the immediate out skirts of STRAZEELE at Enemy were still reported to be massing at 2.6 pm. but our artillery prevented troops getting into formation for attack. At 5.31 pm. 1st Bn reported S.O.S. fired on our front at E6D, F1A and X25D. Our barrage</p>	

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STRAZEELE AREA.	17 th April		<p>was very good and effectively broke up enemy concentration. In front of the 3rd Bn at EG and vicinity, enemy troops were caught in their shallow jumping off trenches & suffered very heavy casualties. 6 inch newton mortars were put into position on our front and proceeded to bombard enemy positions, very effective shooting being done. Stokes mortars had taken a very active part in the operations, effectively dispersing enemy parties massing for attacks. The 2nd Aust. Bn relieved the 3rd in the line right, vide 3rd Order N° 81 attached as appendix 20-14/18.</p>	
	18 th		<p>Cool day and dull. Very cold at night. With the exception of slight artillery fire the day was very quiet. At 9.44 p.m. the 4th Bn reported enemy massing but no attack was delivered.</p>	20/4/18

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STRAZEELE AREA.	18 th 18 th		At 10.45 pm. word came from 15 th B ^{de} saying a prisoner had been captured & he said an attack was to take place against our positions in the morning. CP. Shells by our artillery were put down to endeavour to envelop enemy troops massing at 4.30 am on 19 th lasting for 45 minutes.	
	19 th		Snow storm in early morning, weather very cold and dull with showers at intervals. The expected enemy attack did not eventuate and the morning report showed situation very quiet. The construction of defensive works was rapidly and energetically carried on with by our parties under the supervision of engineers. With the exception of a concentration shoot on to STRAZEELE during the afternoon all was quiet. Light throughout the operations it was found extremely difficult to	

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STRAZEELE AREA.	19 th		to keep up communication. Although two laddered lines were forward to B ^{ns} from Brigade we were often cut off from our units for short periods. In view of this Power Buzzers and amplifiers were applied for. Defence Organisation 1 to 4 incl. attached as appendix	
	20 th		Dull day and very cold. Our artillery consistently fired on enemy forward positions during the day & counter preparation shoots were put down between 7.35 pm & 8.35 pm. STRAZEELE received the brunt of enemy artillery fire throughout the day. Enemy planes were extremely active. A policy of active and energetic patrolling was carried out along the whole front with a view of obtaining identification	21-4/18
	21 st		Line clear day. The usual activity of artillery of both sides was displayed during the day and	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STRAZELLE AREA.	21 st April		night. Intelligence summaries Nos. 5, 6, 7 & 8 attached as appendix 22-14/18. B'de order no. 82 issued in reference to ^{partial} relief of 15 th B'de by 2 nd B'de attached as appendix 23-14/18	22-14/18
			B'de order dealing with relief of 15 th B'de by 2 nd Aust. Inf B'de attached as appendix 24-14/18. 15 th Aust. Inf B'de Defence Scheme attached as appendix 25-14/18. ^{Sketch showing dispositions etc attached appendix}	23-14/18
	22 nd		Dull day inclined to rain. Situation very quiet all day. Our batteries displayed their usual activity firing on enemy forward positions and centres of activity. 15 th B'de forwarded two wounded prisoners to 15 th Field Amb. 2 nd B'de relieved 15 th B'de relief being completed by 12.10 a.m. Units arrived in their new areas by 5.30 a.m. The B'de was completion of move	25-14/18 25-14/18

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STRAZEELE AREA. to Reserve Area in vicinity of LE PEUPLIER	22 nd 22nd 23 rd		<p>was distributed as follows. Bde H.Q. near Le Peuplier at W 7 B. 9. 4. 15th Bde THIESHOEK 2nd Bde W 9 B. 0. 4. 3rd Bde W 13 A 2. 8. 4th Bde 15th M.G. Coy, 15th A.F. I. Co. Battery at W. 7. B. 3. 5. An account of the operation of 3rd Bde from 11th to 22nd April attached as appendisc 26-14/18. Miscellaneous files dealing with operations attached as appendisc 27-14/18 to original only.</p> <p>Fine sunny day. Bde. carried on with re-organisation and general cleaning up. Enemy planes bombed in the vicinity of Bde H.Q. at LE PEUPLIER and R.O.D. workshops.</p>	26-14/18. 26 th -14/18
	24 th		<p>Dull day very heavy mist. Officers of units reconnoitered routes forward to the left (3rd) Bde sector. Bde made use of baths at LE PEUPLIER, troops receiving change of clothing. Defence scheme for Reserve Bde attached as appendisc to original 27-14/18</p>	27-14/18. 18

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Reserve AREA at LEPEUPLIER	25 th		Dull in morning, rained during the afternoon. Troops were bathed, clean clothing issued. Unit transports moved inside divisional boundaries.	
	26 th		Dull day and very misty. Reconnaissance of forward area by officers of Bde Staff and of units. Bde order no 84 issued in reference to relief of 3 rd Bde by 15 th Bde on night.	
	27 th		28 th /29 th attached as appendix 28-4/18. ^{Working parties} supplied for ^{work on rear depriv lines,} 28-4/18. Dull day very low visibility. Further reconnaissance made of forward area carried out by regimental officers. Forward parties from units moved up to the line & support Bns. to learn conditions pertaining to their new sector. Administrative instructions in relation to Bde order no 84 attached as appendix 29-4/18	28-4/18 29-4/18

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Reserve Area	27 th		Defence Organisation N°5 (Reserve Area) with amendments attached as appendix 30-14/18.	30-14/18
at Le Peuplier to Meteren Area.	28 th		Dull day with showers at intervals. 1st Bde moved up and took over the left divisional sub sector, the relief being completed without incident by 12.30am on 29 th . Patrols in no mans land did not encounter any enemy troops. Enemy's policy at present appears to be the consolidation of his positions. Artillery fire was directed against our positions intermittently all day.	
	29 th		Defence Organisation N°1 (left sub sector) attached as appendix 31-14/18. Dull day low visibility. Enemy positions were subjected to fire from our artillery, 2 Mortars machine and Lewis guns and rifle grenades	31-14/18.

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Meteren Area.	29 th		during the day and night, but enemy was very quiet with the exception of artillery. Our rear areas received most of the fire. Planes were very active many indecisive combats taking place.	
	30 th		Dull day very low visibility. The policy of constantly harassing the enemy was carried out by all arms. Identification of enemy troops opposite right battalion was obtained by a patrol and other patrols operating in no mans land reported it clear of enemy troops. The enemy were rather quiet and shows no aggressiveness. Intelligence summaries Nos 1, 2 & 3 attached as appendix 32-14/18. The Order No 85 attached as appendix 33-14/18. Defence Organisation No 2 attached as appendix 34-14/18. Daily strength returns etc attached as appendix 35-14/18.	32-14/18 33-14/18 34-14/18 35-14/18

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Month of April

1918

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1ST AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 70.

Brigade Headquarters,
31st March, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP, SHEET 28 S.W.

1. The 1st and 2nd Aust. Inf. Battalions will move to-morrow, 1st April, by light railway to the RENINGHELST Area, in accordance with time table overleaf.
2. 4th Army Standing Orders as to distances on the march will be adhered to.
3. Billeting parties will report to Area Commandant RENINGHELST at 9 a.m.
Transport will move under Unit arrangements via LA CLYTTE.
4. Camps and transport lines will be left in a clean and sanitary condition and a certificate to the effect that this has been done, and copies of receipts for area stores will be furnished to these Headquarters by 12 noon.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

M. J. Lankin
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.R. at 9 p.m.

- Copy No:-
1. File,
 - 2-4. War Diary,
 5. G.O.C.
 6. B.M.
 7. Staff Captain,
 8. Signal Officer,
 9. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train.
 10. 1st Aust. Division "G",
 11. 1st Aust. Division "Q",
 12. 1st Aust. Inf. Battalion,
 13. 2nd Aust. Inf. Battalion,
 14. 3rd Aust. Inf. Battalion,
 15. 4th Aust. Inf. Battalion,
 16. Area Commandant, VIE RSTRAAT,
 17. Area Commandant, RENINGHELST.

TIME TABLE - LIGHT RAILWAYS.

<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Capacity.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Entraining Point.</u>	<u>Hour.</u>	<u>Detraining Point.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1.	250	1st Battalion	GORDON FARM.	10 am	FUZEVILLE SIDING.	Each Battalion will detail an Officer to supervise the entrainment and detraining of the Battalion.
2.	250	" "	" "	10.30 am	" "	
3.	250	" "	" "	11 am	" "	
4.	250	2nd Battalion.	" "	11.30 am	" "	
5.	250	" "	" "	12 noon.	" "	
6.	250	" "	" "	12.30 pm	" "	

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 71.

Brigade Headquarters,
1st April, 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 28:

1. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 2 Battalions) will move from RIDGEWOOD to WIPPENHOEK Area to-morrow, 2nd April, by Light Railway and route march, in accordance with table overleaf.
No. 2 Coy. 1st Aust. Divisional Train will accompany the Brigade.
2. Fourth Army Standing Orders as to distances on the march will be observed.
3. Billeting parties will rendezvous at the Church RENINGHELST at 10 a.m. where they will be met by a representative of Brigade Headquarters.
4. Camps and Transport Lines will be left in a clean and sanitary condition and a certificate to the effect that this has been done, and copies of receipts for area stores will be furnished to those Headquarters by 12 noon.
5. Transport will move independently under Unit arrangements via LA CLYTTE - WESTOUTRE.
6. Brigade Headquarters will close at ENFORDON Camp at 10.30 a.m. and will re-open at Sq. G.22.B.6.6. at the same hour.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

A. S. Curran
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.R. at 7 p.m.

- Copy No:-
1. File.
 - 2-4. War Diary.
 5. G.O.C.
 6. B.M.
 7. Staff Captain.
 8. Signal Officer.
 9. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train.
 10. 1st Aust. Division "G".
 11. 1st Aust. Division "Q".
 12. 1st Aust. Inf. Battalion.
 13. 2nd Aust. Inf. Battalion.
 14. 3rd Aust. Inf. Battalion.
 15. 4th Aust. Inf. Battalion.
 16. 1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty.,
 17. 1st Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.
 18. Area Commandant, VIERSTRAAT.
 19. Area Commandant, RENINGHELST.
 20. Area Commandant, WIPPENHOEK.

MOVE TABLE.

Serial No.	LIGHT RAILWAY from GORDON FARM to FUZEVILLE.				March Route to destination at.	Route.	Remarks.
	Train.	Leaves at.	Capacity.	Unit.			
1.	"A"	10 a.m.	300	3rd Battalion.)	OAKLANDS P.O., and CABLE CAMPS.	Via RENINGHELST - Cross Roads at G.32.D.	Vide 1st Aust. Div. S/7851 issued herewith.
2.	"B"	10.30 am.	300	" ")			
3.	"C"	11 a.m.	150 100	" ") Bde. H.Qrs.			
4.	"D"	12 noon.	300	4th Battalion.)	HOOGRAAF G.26.C.4.4.	Via RENINGHELST - Cross Roads at G.32.D.	Vide 1st Aust. Div. S/7851 issued herewith.
5.	"E"	12.30 pm.	300	" ")			
6.	"F"	1 p.m.	150	" ")			
			60	1st L.T.M.Bty.	PATRICA, L.29.B.2.9.	-	
			30	1st Div. Salvage Company.	DALLINGTON, L.35.A.9.9.	-	
7.	No. 2 Company, 1st Divisional Train will move to G.26.A.1.9. under Unit arrangements.						

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COPY NO. 2

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. ORDER NO. 72.Brigade Headquarters,
3rd April, 1918.REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 28.

1. The 1st Aust. Division will be transferred by rail to 3rd Army on the 5th April, 1918.
2. For purposes of the move the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will be composed of the following Units:-

1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
 1st Aust. M.G. Coy.,
 1st Field Coy. A.E.
 1st Field Ambulance,
 H.Q. & No. 2 Coy. Div. Train.
 Divisional Headquarters,
 H.Q. and No. 1 Section Div. Sig. Coy.
 H.Q. Div. Engineers,
 Div. Salvage Coy.
 1 Company Pioneer Bn. with 1 Cooker.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Section (S.A.A.) 1st. D.A.C.

3. The following will be concentrated in the WIPPENHOEK - RENNINGHELST Area on the 4th inst., as shewn below :-

1st Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	Camp 16, G.22.B.3.3.
1st Aust. Battalion	G.28.A.9.1.
2nd Aust. Battalion	DEVONSHIRE CAMP, G.22.B.8.7.
3rd Aust. Battalion	P.O. Camp, G.25.B.5.3.
4th Aust. Battalion	HOOGRAAF CAMP, G.26.C.4.4.
1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty.	PATRICA CAMP, L.29.B.2.9.
1st Aust. M.G. Coy.	DALLINGTON CAMP, L.35.A.9.9.
1st Field Coy. A.E.	POPLAR, G.19.B.7.7.
1st Field Ambulance	HOOGRAAF SCHOOL, G.32.A.5.5.
No. 2 Coy. Div. Train	CABLE CAMP, L.24.C.9.2.
1st Div. Salvage Coy.	CONNAUGHT CAMP, L.34.B.2.4.
1 Coy. 1st Pioneer Bn.	CONNAUGHT CAMP, L.34.B.2.4.
$\frac{1}{4}$ Sect. (S.A.A.) 1st D.A.C.	Camp No. 8, G.34.B.8.6.

4. 1st Brigade Group will march to Entraining Station on the morning of 5th inst.

The following under orders to be issued by Capt. BOWEN, Div. Sig. Coy., will move direct to the Entraining Station on 5th inst., by road from their present locations:-

Divisional Headquarters,
 H.Q. Divisional Engineers,
 H.Q. Divisional Train,
 H.Q. and No. 1 Section Div. Sig. Coy.

5. All Units comprising the 1st Brigade Group will forward a state on the following Pro-Forma to reach 1st Brigade Headquarters by 12 noon on 4th inst., shewing their entraining strength.

Capt. BOWEN, Div. Sig. Coy. will forward states for Units marching under his orders.

P.T.O.

- 2 -

Officers.	Men.	Animals		Vehicles.	
		Heavy Draught.	Light Draught.	One Axle.	Two Axle.

 A C K N O W L E D G E .

A. H. Williams

Major,
 Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.R. at 7 a.m. 4th inst.

- Copy No:-
1. File,
 - 2-4. War Diary,
 5. G.O.C. *Toga*
 6. B.M. *A*
 7. Staff Captain,
 8. Signal Officer,
 9. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train,
 10. 1st Aust. Div. "G",
 11. 1st Aust. Div. "Q",
 12. 1st Aust. Inf. Bn.
 13. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bn.
 14. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bn.
 15. 4th Aust. Inf. Bn.
 16. 1st Aust. L.I.M. Bty.
 17. 1st Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.
 18. Area Commandant, *RENNINGHELST,*
 19. " " *WIPPENHOEK,*
 20. 1st Aust. M.G. Coy.
 21. 1st Field Coy. A.E.
 22. 1st Field Ambulance,
 23. O.C. 1 Coy. 1st Pioneer Bn.
 24. " O.C. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sect. 1st D.A.C.
 25. Capt. BOWEN, Div. Sig. Coy.
 26. H.Q. Div. Engineers.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 73.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th April, 1918.

1. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will entrain and move in accordance with Appendix I issued herewith.

2. The following Staffs, etc., are appointed:-

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|-----|-------------------------|-----------------|---|
| (a) | Entraining Officer | GODEWAERSVELDE | Major H.A. YODEN,
2nd Battalion. |
| | Traffic Control Officer | do. | A Subaltern Officer
to be detailed by
C.O. 2nd Battalion. |
| (b) | Detraining Officer | ST ROCH. | Major A.F. BURRETT,
3rd Battalion. |
| | Traffic Control Officer | do. | A Subaltern Officer
to be detailed by
C.O. 3rd Battalion. |
| (c) | Working Party | GODEWAERSVELDE. | One Capt. 1 Lieut. &
100 men 2nd Battn. |
| (d) | Working Party. | ST ROCHE. | 1 Capt. 1 Lieut. &
100 men 3rd Bn. |

Note:- Working Party (c) will report to R.T.O. GODEWAERSVELDE at 12 noon 5th April.

3. Infantry Transport will arrive at Entraining Station 3 hours before the time of departure of the train; Infantry personnel one and a half hours before departure of the train.

Transport and personnel of remaining Units of the Group will arrive at Entraining Station 3 hours before departure of the train.

4. Os.C. Trains will report to R.T.O. 3 hours before departure of trains in order to obtain full information as to their duties.

5. C.Os. Trains will hand in to R.T.O. on reporting a complete state shewing number of Officers, Other Ranks, Horses - Heavy and Light - 4 wheeled and two wheeled vehicles.

This information has been issued under separate cover by the Staff Captain to Officers concerned.

6. Billeting parties as follows will proceed by 1st Train :-

Battalion or similar Unit	1 Officer 4 N.C.Os.
Company or similar Unit	1 Sergeant.

These parties will report at Entraining Station at 1 p.m. 5th inst.

7. All Units will be completely entrained half hour before departure of train.

8. Breast Ropes for horse trucks will be provided by Units. Ropes for lashing vehicles will be provided by the R.T.O.

9. Pickets will be mounted at each end of the train to prevent troops leaving without permission.

10. A.A. Defence by means of Lewis Guns will be provided wherever possible.

P.T.O.

11. Brigade Headquarters will close at 8.22.B.3.3. at 12 noon 5th inst., and re-open on completion of move.

ACKNOWLEDGE

Major
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.A. at 3 p.m.

- Copy :-
1. File,
 - 2-4. War Diary,
 5. G.O.C.
 6. B.M.
 7. Staff Captain,
 8. Signal Officer,
 9. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train,
 10. 1st Aust. Div. "G",
 11. 1st Aust. Div. "Q",
 12. 1st Aust. Battalion,
 13. 2nd Aust. Battalion,
 14. Major H.A. YODEN, 2nd. Bn.
 15. Traffic Control Off. c/o 2nd. Bn.
 16. 3rd Aust. Battalion,
 17. Major A.F. BURRETT, 3rd Bn.
 18. Traffic Control Off. c/o 3rd Bn.
 19. 4th Aust. Battalion,
 20. 1st Aust. L.T.L. Bty.,
 21. 1st Div. Salvage Coy.
 22. Area Commandant, REMINGHELST,
 23. Area Commandant, WIPPENHOEK,
 24. 1st Aust. M.G. Coy.,
 25. 1st Field Coy. A.E.
 26. 1st Field Ambulance.
 27. O.C. 1 Coy. 1st Pioneer Bn.
 28. O.C. 1 Sect. 1st. D.A.C.
 29. Capt. BOWEN Div. Sig. Coy.
 30. Extra Copy to 1st Bn. for Coy. Commander.
 31. Major G.S. COOK, 2nd Aust. Battalion.

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APPENDIX I - 1ST A. BDE. ORDER NO. 73.

1ST. BRIGADE GROUP.

ENTRAINING STATION - GODEWAERSVELDE.
 DETRAINING STATION - ST ROCHE.

Train No.	Serial No.	UNIT.	DEPARTURE.		O.C. Train.
			Date.	Time.	
2.	1A10 1A15 1A16 1A17 1A11A	1st Inf. Bde. H.Q. No. 2 Sect. Signal Coy. 1st A.L.G. Coy. 1st A.L.T.I. Bty. 1 Coy. 1 Cooker & Team of 3rd Bn.	5/4/18	1805	Capt. F. HUDD, 1st Aust. M.G. Coy.
5.	1A01 1A03 1A05	Div. Headquarters H.Q. Div. Engrs. H.Q. & No. 1 Sec. of Sig. Coy.	5/4/18	1905	Capt. BOWEN 1st Div. Signal Coy.
8.	1A11	3rd Bn. less 1 Coy. Cooker & Team.	5/4/18	2205	Lt.-Col. D.T. POORE, D.S.O. 3rd Bn.
11.	1A12	4th Bn. less 1 Coy. Cooker & Team.	6/4/18	0105	Lt.-Col. C.D. SASSE, D.S.O. 4th Bn.
14.	1A81 1A76 1A12A	1st Field Coy. A.E. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train. 1 Coy. Cooker & Team 4th Bn.	6/4/18	0405	Capt. N.M. MORRIS, No. 2 Coy. Div. Train.
17.	1A13	1st Bn. less 1 Coy. Cooker & Team.	6/4/18	0705	Lt. Col. B.V. STACY, D.S.O. 1st Bn.
20.	1A14	2nd Bn. less 1 Coy. Cooker & Team.	6/4/18	1005	Lt.-Col. A.B. STEVENS, C.M.G., D.S.O. 2nd Battalion.
23.	1A86 1A13A 1A04A 1A07	1st Field Amb. 1 Coy. Cooker and Team of 1st Bn. <u>Cooker</u> 1 Coy. and Team of 1st Aust. Pioneer Bn. Divl. Salvage Coy.	6/4/18	1305	Coy. Commander 1st Battalion.
26.	1A14A 1A73B	1 Coy. Cooker & Team of 2nd Bn. Half S.A.A. Sec. D.A.C.	6/4/18	1805	Major G.J. COOK, 2nd Bn.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 74.

Brigade Headquarters,
8th April, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP, SHEET 62D, 1:40,000.

1. The 1st Australian Infantry Brigade will move to-morrow 9th March, in accordance with move table overleaf.
2. Distances on the march which maintained in 2nd Army Area will be observed during move.
3. Units will furnish a certificate to the effect that billets have been left in a clean and sanitary condition, to reach Brigade Headquarters by noon.
4. Billeting parties on the scale of 1 Officer and 4 N.C.Os. per Battalion will report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at RAINEVILLE at 9 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. Hutchins

Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.H. at 10 p.m.

Copy No.	1.	File,
	2-4.	War Diary,
	5.	G.O.C.,
	6.	B.M.,
	7.	Staff Captain,
	8.	Signal Officer,
	9.	No. 2 Coy. Div. Train,
	10.	1st Aust. Div. "G",
	11.	1st Aust. Div. "Q",
	12.	1st Aust. Battalion,
	13.	2nd Aust. Battalion,
	14.	3rd Aust. Battalion,
	15.	4th Aust. Battalion,
	16.	1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty.,
	17.	1st Field Coy. A.E.,
	18.	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
	19.	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

MOVE TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO 74.

APPENDIX

<u>Serial no.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Starting Point.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Route.</u>
1.	3rd Battalion.	CARDONETTE	FRECHENCOURT.	Road Junction Sq. C.B.3.0.	12.30 p.m.	Via ST GRATIEF.
2.	4th Battalion.	RAINNEVILLE.	BEAUCOURT.	North end of Village.	12.30 p.m.	Via MOLLIENS - au - BOIS.
3.	1st Battalion.	ALLONVILLE.	MOLLIENS au BOIS	Cross Roads Sq. 11.B.	12.30 p.m.	Via ST GRATIEN.
4.	2nd. Battalion.	CARDONETTE - ALLONVILLE.	RAINNEVILLE.	Church CARDONETTE.	12.30 p.m.	
5.	1st A.L.T.R. Bty	RAINNEVILLE.	FRECHENCOURT.	Church RAINNEVILLE.	12.45 p.m.	Via ST GRATIEN.
6.	1st Field Coy. A.B.	ALLONVILLE.	FRECHENCOURT.	Church ALLONVILLE.	12.45 p.m.	Via ST GRATIEN.

Note 1. Brigade Headquarters will close at RAINNEVILLE at 2 p.m. on 9th inst., and re-open at MONTIGNY at the same hour.

Note 2. No. 7 Coy. A.A.S.C. will move with the Brigade. Billeting Party of 1 W.C.O. will report to Staff Captain as in para 4 of order.

APPENDIX

appendix 6-14/18
"A" Form
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121
(in pads of 100).

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

TO } 2nd 3rd Aust Bn

Sender's Number. * a3a824	Day of Month. 9/4	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Following moves will take place
to-morrow 10th instant under Unit
arrangements and 2nd Aust Battalion
RAINNEVILLE to FRECHENCOURT and
3rd Aust Battalion FRECHENCOURT to
BAIZIEUX and Bullets to be cleared
not later than 1.30 pm and
Acknowledge

From 1st A Bde
Place
Time 10 pm

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

*This line should be erased if not required.
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"A" Form. MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121. (In pads of 100.)

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.				This message is on a c of:	
SECRET.				Recd. at m.	
				Date	
				From	
				By	

TO 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Aust. Battalion, 1st Aust. L.T.M.Bty.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	
* AZA 838	10/4	-----	AAA

Reference to-morrows move aaa Lorries have been arranged for conveyance of blankets, packs and steel hats which will be made up as carried on the man aaa Units will dump this gear by companies at the following places
 aaa 1st Battalion Cross Roads Sq. A.12.A. West of MOLLIENS au BOIS at 11 a.m. aaa
 4th Battalion and one Company 3rd Battalion Church BEAUCOURT at 11 a.m. aaa 2nd Battalion
 2 Companies 3rd Battalion and 1st L.T.M.Bty., at Cross Roads B.30.B. at 12 noon aaa
 Brigade Headquarters, Headquarters and one Company 3rd Battalion Cross Roads Sq. B.11.D. at 12 noon aaa
 Following guard and loading party will accompany kits 1 Officer per Battalion, 1 N.C.O. and 6 Other Ranks per Company aaa
 Loading parties will post sentries to pick up lorry trains on arrival aaa
 Reference map 62D aaa Battalions will probably march directly after lunch aaa

From	1st Aust. Inf. Bde.
Place	10.45 p.m.
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.
 (Z) A.W.HUTCHIN, Major,
 Bde. Major.

* This line, except AAA, should be erased if not required.
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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 75.

Brigade Headquarters,
11th April, 1918.

1. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group will move and entrain in accordance with Appendix I issued herewith.

2. The following Staffs, etc., are appointed:-

- (a) Entraining Officer ST ROCHE "B" Major H.A. YOUDEN, 2nd Battalion.
- Traffic Control Off. do. A Subaltern Officer to be detailed by C.O. 2nd Battalion.
- (b) Detraining Officer HONDIGHEN. Major A.F. BURRETT, 3rd Battalion.
- Traffic Control Off. do. A Subaltern Officer to be detailed by C.O. 3rd Battalion.
- (c) Working Party ST ROCHE "B" 1 Capt. 1 Lieut. & 100 men 2nd Battalion.
- (d) Working Party HONDIGHEN. 1 Capt. 1 Lieut. & 100 men 3rd Battalion.

Note:- Working Party (c) will report to R.T.O. ST ROCHE at 3 p.m. 11th April.

3. Infantry Transport will arrive at Entraining Station 3 hours before the time of departure of the train: Infantry personnel one and a half hours before departure of the train. Transport and personnel of remaining Units of the Group will arrive at Entraining Station 3 hours before departure of the train.

4. Os. C. Trains will report to R.T.O. 3 hours before departure of trains in order to obtain full information as to their duties.

5. C.Os. Trains will hand into R.T.O. on reporting a complete state showing number of Officers, Other Ranks, Horses - Heavy and Light - 4 wheeled and two wheeled vehicles. This information has been issued under separate cover by the Staff Captain to Officers concerned.

6. Billeting Parties as follows will proceed by 1st Train.

- Battalion or similar Unit 1 Officer 4 M.C.Os.
- Company or similar Unit 1 Sergeant.

These parties will report at Entraining Station at 4 p.m. to-day.

7. All Units will be completely entrained half an hour before departure of train.

8. Breast ropes for horse trucks will be provided by Units. Ropes for lashing vehicles will be provided by the R.T.O.

9. Pickets will be mounted at each end of the train to prevent troops leaving without permission.

10. A.A. Defence by means of Lewis Guns will be provided wherever possible.

R.T.O.

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11. Brigade Headquarters will close at MONTIGNY at 4 p.m. to-day, and re-open on completion of move.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

H. J. C. Cook

Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.K. at 12 noon.

- Copy :-
1. File,
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 12. 1st Aust. Battalion,
 13. 2nd Aust. Battalion,
 14. 3rd Aust. Battalion,
 15. 4th Aust. Battalion,
 16. 1st Aust. L.F. Coy.,
 17. Major H.A. YOUNG, 2nd Bn.
 18. Traffic Control Off. c/o 2nd Bn.
 19. Major A.F. BURKETT, 3rd Bn.
 20. Traffic Control Off. c/o 3rd Bn.
 21. 1st Div. Salvage Coy.
 22. 1st Aust. M.G. Coy.,
 23. 1st Field Coy. A.E.
 24. 1st Field Ambulance.
 25. O.C. 1 Coy. 1st Pioneer Bn.
 26. O.C. 1 Sect. 1st D.A.C.
 27. Capt. BOWEN Div. Sig. Coy.
 28. Extra Copy to 1st Bn. for Coy. Commander.
 29. Major F.S. COOK, 2nd Battalion.

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APPENDIX I - 1ST. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER NO. 75.

1ST. BRIGADE GROUP.

ENTRAINING STATION - ST ROCHE "B".
DENTRAINING STATION - HONDIGHAM.

<u>Train No.</u>	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>DEPARTURE.</u>		<u>O.C. Train.</u>
			<u>Date.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	
2.	1A10 1A15 1A16 1A17 1A11A	1st Inf. Bde. H.Q. No. 2 Sect. Sig.Coy. 1st A.M.G.Coy. 1st A.L.T.I.By. 1 Coy. -1 Cocker & Team of 3rd Bn.	11/4/18	1947	Capt. F.HUDD, 1st M.G.Coy.
4.	1A01 1A03 1A05	Div. Headquarters H.Qrs. Div. Engrs. H.Q. & No. 1 Sect of Sig. Coy. 1 Platoon of Cyclist Bn, 1 limber and team.	11/4/18	2247	Capt. BOWEN, 1st Div. Sig. Coy.
6.	1A11	3rd Bn. less 1 Coy. Cocker & Team.	12/4/18	0147	Lt.-Col. D.T. MOORE, D.S.O. 3rd Bn.
8.	1A12	4th Bn. less 1 Coy. Cocker & Team.	12/4/18	0447	Lt.-Col. C.D. SASSE, D.S.O. 4th Bn.
10.	1A81 1A76 1A12A	1st Field Coy. A.E. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train. 1 Coy. Cocker & Team 4th Bn.	12/4/18	0747	Capt. N.H. MORRIS, No. 2 Coy. Div. Train.
12.	1A13	1st Bn. less 1 Coy. Cocker & Team.	12/4/18	1047	Lt.-Col. B.V. STACY, D.S.O. 1st Bn.
14.	1A14	2nd Bn. less 1 Coy. Cocker & Team.	12/4/18	1347	Lt.-Col. A.B. STEVENS, CMG, DSO, 2nd Bn.
16.	1A86 1A13A 1A75 1A07	1st Field Amb. 1 Coy. Cocker & Team of 1st Bn. H.Q. Div. Train. Div. Salvage Coy.	12/4/18	1647	C.O. Div. Train.
26.	1A14A 1A73B 1A06	1 Coy. Cocker & Team of 2nd Bn. Half S.A.A. Sect D.A.C. Cable Sect. 1st Div. Sig. Coy.	12/4/18	1947	Major G.S. COOK, 2nd Bn.

NOTE:- Unless otherwise ordered all Units of the Brigade Group will move to Entraining Point under Unit arrangements.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 76.Brigade Headquarters,
12th April, 1918.REFERENCE MAP, HAZEBROUCK 5A.

1. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. Group on detachment will be assembled in the Area STRAZEELE - PRADELLES - BORRE and immediately prepare a defensive locality, in conjunction with the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. on the right, for the defence of HAZEBROUCK, against which the enemy is advancing from the East and South.

2. The Brigade Boundaries are as follows:-

Northern - Road ROUGE CROIX - METERN (inclusive).
Southern - Line PETIT SEC BOIS - BLEU.

3. When the dispositions are completed they will be as follows:-

(a) In the line 3rd Battalion on right, 4th Battalion on left.

Each Battalion will deploy 3 Companies and hold one Company in Reserve.

Inter-Battalion boundary is as shown on attached map.

In support - 1st Battalion at PRADELLES.

In Reserve 2nd Battalion at East end of BORRE.

Company

(b) The 1st Machine Gun will be disposed with 12 guns in the line and 4 in reserve.

The 1st L.T.M.Bty., will be disposed with 6 guns in line and 2 in reserve.

(c) Headquarters will be established as under:-

Brigade Headquarters	BORRE - 100 yds. S.E. of Church.
3rd & 4th Bns. 1st M.G. Coy.,	
1st L.T.M.B.	STRAZEELE.
1st Battalion.	PRADELLES.
2nd Battalion.	BORRE.
1st Field Coy. A.E.	STRAZEELE.

4. The position will be consolidated on the following principles:-

Front Line	-	Series of Platoon Posts.
Support Line	-	Series of Platoon Posts sited to cover intervals in front line.
Wire	-	Intervals between posts will first be wired and subsequently the posts themselves.

Consolidation will be continued without delay until complete.

5. During the advance to and consolidation of the position each Unit will provide its own local protection.

6. Reports will be furnished at 6 p.m., 12 midnight, 6 a.m. and 12 noon daily showing progress made in the defence arrangements.

7. All stragglers from the battle front will be collected and sent to Brigade Headquarters under escort.

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8. Tools and R.E. Stores are available at No. 2 R.E. Park, STRAZEELE.

9. The following vehicles with S.A.A. will be withdrawn from Battalions as a Brigade Mobile Reserve of S.A.A.

1 Limber G.S. S.A.A. 20,000 rounds.
2 Limbers G.S. L.G. 18,000 rounds.

10. Transport Lines of 3rd and 4th Battalions and 1st Machine Gun Company will be located at PRADELLES, remaining Units at BORRE.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. H. H. H. H.
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.R. at 2 pm

Copy :-

1. File,
- 2-4. War Diary,
5. G.O.C.
6. B.M.
7. Staff Captain,
8. Signal Officer,
9. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train,
10. 1st Aust. Division "G",
11. 1st Aust. Division "Q",
12. 1st Aust. Battalion,
13. 2nd Aust. Battalion,
14. 3rd Aust. Battalion,
15. 4th Aust. Battalion,
16. 1st Aust. L.T.M.Bty.,
17. 1st Div. Salvage Coy.,
18. 1st Field Coy. A.E.
20. 1st Field Ambulance,
21. O.C. 1 Coy. Pioneer Bn.
22. O.C. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sect. 1st D.A.C.
23. Cyclist Battalion,
24. H.Q. 1st Aust. Div. Engrs.
25. H.Q. Div. Train.

Do. 1st 16 1/2 Coy.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 77.

Brigade Headquarters,
14th April, 1918.

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1. The troops now in front of this Brigade Sector will withdraw to-night from the line and the defence of the Sector will be assumed by the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

2. The troops in front comprise :-

- (a) 92nd Inf. Bde. - from Sq. E.24.A.2.4. to Sq. X.26.A.0.0.
Battalions from South to North are -

11th East Lancs	Headquarters E.11.C.3.8.
10th East Yorks	Headquarters E.6.C.3.6.
Composite Battalion	Headquarters W.30.B.6.4.

(b) 33rd Division - from Sq. X.26.A.0.0. Northwards.
Battalions - not known.

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3. The troops of the 33rd Division will establish a post adjoining the 4th Battalion post covering the cross roads at ~~X.25.A.2.6.~~, whence the 33rd Division will continue the line Northwards.

4. The 4th Battalion will notify the establishment of this junction by priority code message CONJUNCTIVITIS.

5. Upon receipt of this message 92nd Infantry Brigade and 33rd Division will be informed that the withdrawal of their troops may be affected.

This withdrawal will not take place prior to 4 a.m.

6. Infantry in withdrawal will be assembled in West of STRAZEELE.

Machine Gun Units, which comprise some 39 guns, will be withdrawn as under:-

(a) 20 guns with teams and ammunition will assemble at Road Junction Sq. W.30.C.4.0. where the O.C. 1st M.G.Coy., will meet them and dispose them in defensive positions co-ordinated with those of the 1st M.G.Coy.

(b) 19 guns with teams will proceed to SEC BOIS where the 2nd Aust. Battalion will receive and billet them. Those guns will be held as a reserve of fire under the hands of the Brigade Commander.

7. The Infantry being withdrawn will bring in as much S.A.A. and tools as they can carry. S.A.A. will be handed over to the front line posts of the 3rd and 4th Battalions and equally distributed.

Machine Gun Crews will likewise bring in S.A.A. which they will convey to their new battery positions.

Tools being brought in will be dumped under arrangements to be made between Commanding Officers concerned, when they will become available to Units of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. if required by them, or removed to the rear by wagon if not required.

8. All posts of the Brigade Defences will be warned of the withdrawal and the necessary precautions taken to prevent friendly troops being fired on.

9. Representatives of the troops coming in will precede the troops to gain touch with our front line and pass the details through.

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10. Any details of relief not provided for in this order will be arranged mutually between Commanders concerned.

11. Completion of the withdrawal through our front line will be notified by priority message "TOMMY CALLED IN".

Completion of disposal of the Machine Guns which are to remain in the line will be notified by priority code message "TOMMY IS O.K.".

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.K. to Units at 1.30 a.m.

Copy No.-	1.	1st Aust. Battalion,
	2.	2nd Aust. Battalion,
	3.	3rd Aust. Battalion,
	4.	4th Aust. Battalion,
	5.	1st Aust. M.G. Coy.,
	6.	1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty.,
	7.	1st Aust. Div. "G",
	8.	3rd Div. "G",
	9.	19th Inf. Bde.
	10/11.	92nd Inf. Bde.
	12.	29th Div. "G",
	13.	2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
	14.	3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
	15.	G.O.C.
	16.	B.M.
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	20.	File,
	20/25.	Spare.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

FROM 6 a.m. 13th APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 14th APRIL, 1918.

OPERATIONS. When the line of the Brigade on our right was penetrated on the morning of the 13th, the Reserve Battalion moved from the BOKRE AREA to a position of readiness in the SEC BOIS AREA. This Battalion had orders to stand in the Support Line posts facing in a South Easterly direction and covering the approaches from VIEUX BERQUIN.

A post was established at E.17.B.8.0. in conjunction with the Brigade on our right.

Officers of the line Battalions went forward during the day to reconnoitre positions of front line Units.

Standing patrols to cover our own immediate front and to keep touch with the fighting formations, were maintained throughout the night.

During the night of the 13th and morning of 14th troops in front of this Brigade sector were withdrawn and the defence of the sector assumed by the Brigade.

The 28th Army Brigade R.F.A. took up positions to cover our front during the day and liaison has been established.

Arrangements have been made for an S.G.S. Protective Barrage Line as soon as friendly troops forward of our outposts have been withdrawn.

1st M.G.Coy., and 1st L.T.M.Bty., have emplaced all guns in suitable positions for direct fire.

WORKS. O.C. 3rd Canadian Tunneling Company called and acquainted us of the work he is carrying out on the left of our sector. The left Company of the left Battalion occupied the posts as they were dug.

In the outpost line 24 platoon posts, and in the Support Line 15 platoon posts, have been constructed.

The Support Line is being further extended by a large working party of the 1st Battalion.

A second Support Line, including the putting of buildings in STRAZEELE in a state of defence, has been established in N.29.A. (Sheet 27).

Front and Support Battalions are engaged on wiring gaps between posts and time permitting, work will be carried on wiring front of posts.

Large quantities of S.A.A. and adequate Stokes Shells for the time being have been sent forward.

Field Ambulance arrived and arrangements made for the evacuation of wounded.

Steps have been taken to collect all stragglers in the Brigade Area. They will be fed, rested and returned to their Units.

The Brigade O.P. has been established at W.23.D.0.8.

Reference Maps, Sheets 27 and 36A, 1:40,000.

H. D. ... for
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

CONFIDENTIAL.FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO.1.FROM 6 a.m. 14th APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 15th APRIL, 1918.1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery fired consistently throughout the day and the early part of the night. Direct hits were obtained on houses in E.11.3, and D. and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy who were massing thereabouts.

18 pdrs. did excellent shooting at 12 noon on to enemy forward positions.

During the morning 4.5 Hows, succeeded in knocking out the enemy M.G. position in HERRIS and silencing a mortar at approx. E.18.C.4.9.

Heavies engaged principal roads and cross roads during the day.

(b) Patrols. Our front was patrolled at intervals throughout the night but with one exception no enemy were encountered when an enemy patrol was dispersed at about W.30.D.9.7.

Raid. At about 11 a.m. after a preliminary bombardment by our Stokes mortars one platoon of the left Company of the right Battalion raided a house occupied by the enemy at E.6.C.5.9. The house was found strongly held and bombs, rifle and bayonet were freely used. It is estimated that 40 of the enemy were killed and that 10 succeeded in getting back. Our casualties were two other ranks killed and three wounded.

(c) Machine Guns. Both Vickers and Lewis Guns were very active during the day and according to prisoner's statements inflicted heavy casualties on to enemy attacking troops.

(d) L.T. mortars. During the attack by the enemy on morning of 14th against our right Battalion, parties of the enemy were seen to dig in in front of our outposts. These posts were engaged by our Stokes mortars with the result that the enemy had to withdraw leaving many dead behind. At 11 a.m. the Stokes did excellent work and paved the way to a successful raid on house at E.6.C.5.9.

(d) Our Aerial Activity. Our planes were constantly over enemy forward area during the day and drew much M.G. fire on all occasions.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS. At 6.40 a.m. enemy opened up a heavy artillery fire on our positions, under cover of which he advanced in successive waves to the attack. The main forces debouched from the Wood in F.7.C. and moved West to farms and trees in E.11.3. From there parties moved along railway line and South east towards VIEUX BLERQUIN. Here they came under our M.G. and rifle fire and were forced to take cover. Many further attempts to advance were made during the morning without success. Many parties moved from railway line in E.12.A. to group of farms at E.6.C. thence up the Spur of MONT DE HERRIS to houses in E.6.C.4.9. which they occupy. Other again moved along HERRIS - STRAZELLE Road to E.6.B.3.0. where they turned left and occupied the line previously occupied by English troops. Many attempts to advance were made from this position without success during which they suffered severe casualties from our M.G. and rifle fire. One platoon of our Left Company thrown well forward to check the enemy advance withdrew during the morning when portion of the trench was occupied by enemy forces. Those of the enemy who gained admittance were afterwards shot and many more who attempted to enter the post during the morning fell victim to our snipers. About midday

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the enemy attack subsided until about 7 p.m. when 150 of the enemy again advanced towards the left Company position of right Battalion. He was met by heavy M.G. and rifle fire which occasioned him to deploy to the left and right in open order and covered by a light machine gun which was pushed well forward over the crest of the ridge. His casualties were so heavy that those who remained quickly retired to the old British Line. For the remainder of the night his forces made no further attack. Our casualties during the attack were nil.

2A. IDENTIFICATIONS. Wounded prisoners brought in during the night belonged to the 51st K.I.A. 12th Division. Prisoners stated that the other Regiments of the Division 23rd and 28th also took part in the attack.

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy artillery consistently shelled our positions during the day and evening. The heaviest concentration mainly consisting of 5.9s. and 4.2s. were directed against STRAZZELE, one portion of the village being set on fire. BORRE and RADELLES were also engaged with 5.9s. during the day.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very aggressive.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy have established M.G. positions in farms at E.F.C. and E.H.B. Machine Guns were also active from direction of MERRIS throughout the day and night.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. At 5 p.m. 3 planes with our markings dropped bombs on our posts in E.F.C. causing some casualties. They then flew towards our battery positions where they dropped more bombs.

7. MISCELLANEOUS. An enemy battery was observed firing on STRAZZELE and RADELLES on a T.S. of 850 from E.9.C.3.8. Approx. distance 4,000 yards.

Flares were fired a great deal during the night, the most frequent being a flare bursting into four GREENS and another into two GREENS. The latter seemed to be fired only when the locality was under our artillery fire.

List of Appendices attached - Appendix "A" Works. Appendix "B" Message from C.O. 3rd Battalion re platoon counter attack on house at E.F.C.5.7.

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Major,
Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

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APPENDIX "A" - WORKS.

Owing to the fighting which has been proceeding on the front during the past 24 hours, it has not been possible to collect measurements of work done. What details are available are included in the Field Company's daily report.

In general terms - the front and support lines have been fairly well consolidated and a good start has been made with the wiring. There are no less than 50 effective platoon posts constructed in this system, each post averaging 50 - 60 yards in length, 4' 6" deep. There is of course no duckboarding or revetment as no R.E. material of this kind is available.

A commencement has been made with the SEC BOIS defended locality and details will be included in to-morrows report.

The BORRE defences being constructed by the 5th Composite Battalion are well under way.

APPENDIX "B" - MESSAGE FROM
C.O. 3rd BATTALION re PLATOON COUNTER ATTACK ON HOUSE
AT E.6.C.5.7.

Enemy occupied house at E.6.C.5.7. this morning. One of my platoons counter attacked, killed 40 Bosch and only 10 Huns got away. My platoon had two killed and three wounded in this little stunt aaa My platoon has since withdrawn to their post and I think the Huns have re-occupied the house aaa My right Company is O.K. and not being attacked at present aaa Over 200 enemy marched down road from E.17.B.5.0. and E.17.B.0.8. with two Field Guns, my Company got two Lewis Guns and inflicted heavy casualties aaa The two field guns opened up from the middle of the road aaa My left Company is still engaged and has suffered about 30 casualties to-day.

(Sgd.) D.T. MOORE, Lt.-Col.
Commanding 3rd Battalion.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 2.

FROM 6 a.m. 15th APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 16th APRIL, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our batteries were active during the day firing on locations where enemy movement was observed.

4.5 Hqs. and 18 pdrs. fired on to roads and hedges in E.11.B. MERRIS and Wood in F.7.C. with good effect.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Companies and flanking Units throughout the night. In addition special patrols were out from each Battalion but have nothing of special interest to report. No enemy were encountered.

(c) Trench Mortars. 35 rounds were expended by our L.T.s. in front of Right Battalion to disturb enemy parties consolidating his positions. Good shooting was obtained.

(d) Machine Guns. Vickers and Lewis Guns were very active throughout the day and night firing bursts whenever the enemy appeared in view.

At about 11 p.m. a Lewis Gun was pushed out in front of posts of right Battalion sector and brought fire to bear on a large enemy working party in E.6.B. inflicting many casualties.

Vickers Guns obtained good shooting on enemy parties moving in E.11.B. during the day.

(e) Sniping. Snipers had an exceedingly busy day, over 100 casualties being claimed.

(f) Aerial Activity. Our planes were active during the day, enemy forward positions being kept under constant observation. At 2.30 p.m. four bombs were dropped on to VIEUX BERQUIN, fires breaking out after bombs exploded.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy showed a marked decrease in artillery activity throughout the period. Except for a concentrated shoot on to STRAZELLE and approaches with 5.9s. and 4.2s. during the afternoon, shelling was slight and distributed over the whole area.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy has remained quiet throughout the period and seems to be devoting much time to consolidation work.

5. ENEMY DEVICES. A hostile mortar at E.6.A.5.2. was active at 9 a.m. Hostile M.Gs. were active during the day and night, particularly a gun situated at about E.6.D.4.9.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Much movement was observed throughout the day, the principle centres of activity being E.6.C., E.12.A., E.11.B. and VIEUX BERQUIN.

At 3.30 p.m. two horse drawn wagons with canvas tops were at road junction in VIEUX BERQUIN. Our M.Gs. opened fire and inflicted two casualties on a party of men who attempted to unload. The remainder of the party scattered.

Throughout the day parties of two and three moved at intervals across road to VIEUX BERQUIN; one was killed by our snipers, several others were wounded.

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At 2 p.m. enemy were observed driving live stock back from the farms in E.C.C.

Many of the enemy were observed during the day consolidating a line which runs from E.C.A.5.9. to E.C.A.8.4. to E.C.C.5.9. At intervals throughout the day horsemen passed from Wood in F.7.C. to VIEUX BERQUIN.

At 11.15 a.m. parties of two and three, in all about 40, moved from VIEUX BERQUIN to Wood in F.7.C.

Works report attached as Appendix "A" (to 1st Aust. Division only).

L. D. Robb Lt
for Lt Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Intermittent shelling of PRADELLES and vicinity during the day also took place. Between 6 a.m. and 6.45 a.m. about 25 GREEN Cross Gas Shells fell in N.20.B. and W.21.A.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 2.APPENDIX "A" - WORKS.

The situation being much clearer and quieter the consolidation of posts in front and support lines and at SEC BOIS and BORRE defences were actively carried on with and progress made.

1. FRONT SYSTEM. In order to straighten out the line on the left Company front of right Battalion and to avoid being enfiladed by M.G. fire from E.6.C.4.9. the left post was moved back 50 yards to E.6.A.4.8. and two other platoon posts constructed. Posts are sited by which excellent cross fire can be given by flank platoon posts. Posts at X.25.A.3.7. and W.30.C.30.05. have been deepened and generally improved. The communication trench being dug from post at X.19.A.7.1. to Company Headquarters at X.19.A.2.6. has been extended 100 yards. The communication trench between posts at W.30.A.80.15. and W.30.B.30.15. has been deepened and improved.

2. All posts in the Second Support for the Defence of STRAZEELE through Squares E.5.A. and B., W.29.B. and D. W.23.B. and D. are now from 75 to 100 yards long and fit for occupation.

3. BORRE DEFENCES. 16 platoon posts ^{are} in course of construction by the 5th Composite Battalion and much headway was made in the works yesterday.

4. SEC BOIS DEFENCES. The construction of four platoon posts at W.27.C.8.4., W.27.C.7.9., E.3.A.6.1., and E.3.A.7.5. were worked on and are now 60 yards long and four feet deep. Posts at E.9.C.2.8. and E.9.A.05.20. were improved.

5. Wiring. Wiring of all front line posts was continued along whole front.

A continuous belt of apron wire 10 to 12 feet wide has been constructed in front of Second Support Posts for defence of STRAZEELE.

Disposition sketch will be forwarded later.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 78.

Brigade Headquarters,
16th April, 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 36A, 1:40,000.

1. The French Corps will attack in the direction of METZ with the 28th French Division on their Right.
2. The 1st Aust. Division will co-operate with one Battalion and for this purpose the 1st Aust. Battalion will be held in readiness to move at 30 minutes notice.
3. Zero Hour will be notified later.
4. On receipt of the word "MOVE" the 1st Battalion will move to position on the Jumping Off Line which runs Sq. W.29.A.Central - Sq. W.17.Central.
5. The direction of the attack by the 1st Battalion will be the line Sq. W.23.Central - Sq. X.19.Central.
6. The function of the Battalion will be to move with the main attack and establish definite contact between the present left of the 1st Aust. Division and the French right in their final objective.
7. Two Battalions of the 29th Division will move to a position of readiness about W.8. and W.14.
8. 1st Aust. Battalion will liaison with the French and the 29th Division, and the 4th Battalion will liaison with the 1st.
9. 1st Battalion Headquarters will be established in the first instance in the vicinity of Brickworks at W.22.D.9.9. for purposes of liaison.

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Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.K. at 2.45 p.m.

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| 1. File. | 14. 3rd Aust. Battalion, |
| 2-4. War Diary. | 15. 4th Aust. Battalion, |
| 5. G.O.C. | 16. 1st Aust. H.Q. Coy., |
| 6. B.H. | 17. 1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty. |
| 7. Staff Captain | 18. 1st Field Coy. A.E. |
| 8. Signal Officer. | 19. 1st Field Ambulance. |
| 9. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train. | 20. French Division. |
| 10. 1st Aust. Div. "G". | 21. French Brigade. |
| 11. 1st Aust. Div. "Q". | 22. 21st Aust. H.Q. Coy. |
| 12. 1st Aust. Battalion. | 23. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 13. 2nd Aust. Battalion. | 24. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| | 25. 19th Inf. Bde. |

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 3.

FROM 6 a.m. 16th APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 17th APRIL, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS. A minor operation was carried out by the 4th Battalion with the object of straightening out front line through E.6.A., W.30.D., X.25.A., to secure direct front line observation into MERRIS. An advance of 800 yards was carried out, the line secured and consolidated. Our line is now very close to a nest of enemy M.G. which we are dealing with.

70 of the enemy were killed and one unwounded prisoner captured.

At 6.30 p.m. the 1st Battalion moved from PRADELLES to co-operate with the French in an attack on METEREN and to maintain communication with the 4th Battalion on the right.

The Battalion with a 3 Company frontage occupied a line running approx. X.25.C.7.8. - X.20.C.3.0. - X.20.A.7.4. - and one Company in support at X.19.A.9.2.

Relief of the 15th Scottish Rifles, who were holding this position, was effected at 6.15 a.m.

(b) Artillery. Our artillery has been very active during the day incessantly harassing enemy positions and approaches with H.E. and Shrapnel.

At 4.45 p.m. the Church Tower at VIEUX BERQUIN was destroyed.

(c) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Battalions and flanking Units. Other than in the operation, special patrols did not get in touch with the enemy.

(d) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired at intervals during the day on suspected enemy positions and M.G. emplacements.

(e) Machine Guns. Our Vickers and Lewis Guns were again active and inflicted many casualties on small parties of the enemy moving in the forward area.

(f) Snipers. Snipers again had a busy day and many hits are claimed on enemy parties.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. One unwounded prisoner belonging to the 17th Alsatian Regiment of the 42nd Division was captured in E.6. Prisoner is an Alsatian about 21 years old and was captured during operation of 4th Battalion in E.6.C. on the night of 16th. ^{Rear} 4th Westphalians are on the left and the 131st and 138th Divisions are on the right of the 42nd Division. Prisoner arrived at place of capture 8 days ago and came into front line on evening of 15th April. His Regiment is due for relief on 17th by another Division unknown to prisoner. His Company has had heavy casualties estimated at 50%, present Company strength being about 60. Prisoner is from the Russian front and this is his first action since leaving there.

3. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was much more active than the preceding 24 hours. STRAZEELE and approaches were shelled intermittently all day. At 7.10 p.m. a barrage of 5.9s. 4.2s. and 77s. was put down in vicinity of W.29.Central extending along ridge to W.23.Central. At about 4 a.m. E.4.Central was shelled with 77 m.m. gas shells from direction of VIEUX BERQUIN.

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4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Slightly more aggressive and very alert.

5. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.
Enemy planes were not active during the day only two being observed over our sector.

6. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Much enemy movement was observed along the VIEUX BERQUIN road at about E.17.D. and in Wood at F.7.G. during the day.

W. Butcher

Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 80.

Brigade Headquarters,
16th April, 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 36A, 1:40,000.

MINOR OPERATION.

1. A minor operation with the object of straightening the line in vicinity of Sq. E.6.B. & C. will to-day be carried out by the 4th Battalion.

Zero Hour 7.30 p.m.

2. Artillery arrangements are as under:-

At Zero a barrage will be put down on the line E.6.C.1.0. - E.6.E.7.5. where it will dwell for three minutes. It will subsequently travel 100 yards in three minutes and later 600 yards at the rate of four minutes per 100 yards. The barrage will dwell on the final line for 10 minutes and then die away.

3. The enemy position will be captured and consolidated.

4. Watches will be synchronised with 1st Brigade Signals at 7 p.m.

5. Details not herein provided for will be arranged by C.O. 4th Battalion.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. Lawrence

Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 7.30 p.m. by D.R.

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| 6. | B.H. | 15. | 1st Aust. M.G.Coy. |
| 7. | Staff Captain. | 16. | 1st Aust. L.T.M.Bty. |
| 8. | 1st Aust. Div. "G". | 17. | 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 9. | 1st Aust. Div. "Q". | 18. | 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. |
| 10. | 1st Aust. Battalion. | 19. | 19th Inf. Bde. |
| | 20. | | COOK'S Group Artillery. |

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4th BRth HQRS
Wed. 17th April

Report on Minor Operations
carried out on nights of 16/17th

Original War diary

At 11.30 p.m. with a view
to straightening out our line
and gaining some high
ground "C" Coy Capt. W. P.
Hoy advanced some 500^{yds}
and established their position.
Under cover of an Artillery
Carrage arranged by Brigade.
The Coy advanced in a
line of four platoons preceded
by a line of skirmishers.
After advancing about 600^{yds}
they came into a top field
at E 6 B 3.6 where they
encountered heavy M.G. fire

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had to get down temporarily.
From here the two
left platoons advanced
again with a final rush
of 50 to 70^{yds} and got into the
German trench at E 6 B 9.5.
They stayed in the trench for
over half an hour and inflicted
numerous casualties estimated
at quite 70 to 100 men not
only on the occupants of
the trench but also on
supports that were moving
up. Unfortunately both
Platoon commanders became
casualties Lt Green being
wounded and Lt Baugnier
killed. Meanwhile the
two platoons on the right
had been held up by
a nest of M.G. guns and
suffered severe casualties

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one platoon commander Sergt Cowell being killed the other Lt Bainbridge being wounded. By now it was quite dark & the Coy Commander went forward to take charge of the situation; he ordered the two left platoons to withdraw about 100' here he reorganised his Coy & ~~they~~ was reinforced by two platoons of D Coy & a line of posts was dug from E 6 A 5.9 - W. 30 D 5.0 - X 25 C 7.3. At 2 A. 17 in company with the B Co I visited the ^{new} posts, they were well on the way to completion a party of the 1st Field Coy engineers 20 under 1st Lt Rochester giving

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very valuable assistance; also a hot meal was got up to the men about midnight. Throughout this difficult operation of advancing his Coy up a slope against an enemy entrenched with numerous M.G.'s Capt. W. P. Hay handled his Coy with the greatest skill & perfect confidence, his platoon commanders up to the time that they were hit sent back very sound & useful information & he in turn kept B Co HQ R's well informed as to how the situation progressed. The tremendous stopping power of the enemy M.G.'s

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well used was extraordinary
 with emphasis throughout
 this operation. i.e. The
 advance on the right held up,
 digging interfered with a
 patrolling between fronts
 made extremely difficult
 by the continuous sweeping
 of enemy M.G.'s.

C. B. Paine, Lt Col.

4th Bn A.I.F.

After careful enquiry enemy
 casualties are estimated at
 over 100 my former estimate
 of 70 being very conservative

Our casualties 3 officers one
 killed & 40 other wounded

C.B.P.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 79.

Brigade Headquarters,
18th April, 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 36A, 1:40,000.

1. The IX Corps is to be relieved to-night on the front X.25.A.6.6. to road running North and South through X.17.A. & C. by 1st Aust. Division and 133rd French Division.

The 1st Aust. Division will relieve the troops of the 19th Inf. Bde. in the line to a point 200 yards West of METEREN BECQUE.

2. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. front will be held with three Battalions in the line -

- Right Battalion - 3rd A.I.Bn. - from South Bde. Boundary to Sq. E.6.A.5.9.
- Centre Battalion - 4th A.I.Bn. - from Sq. E.6.A.5.9. to road at Sq. X.25.C.6.4. (exclusive).
- Left Battalion - 1st A.I.Bn. - from road at Sq. X.25.C.6.4. (inclusive) to point 200 yds. West of METEREN BECQUE.

3. The 4th Battalion will construct posts at about Square X.25.C.4.6. and Sq. X.25.C.6.4. to junction with the 1st Battalion. The 1st Battalion will be organised on a 3 Company frontage with one Company in Reserve.

The 4th Battalion will be organised on a two Company frontage with one Company in Support and one Company in Reserve.

4. Relief will not commence before midnight and will be completed not later than 4 a.m.

The 19th Bde. will arrange to patrol the front during the relief.

5. The usual relief procedure re stores, ammunition, sketches of dispositions, etc., will be complied with, and completion will be notified by priority wire.

6. The 12th Battalion will relieve the 1st Battalion in the vicinity of PRADELLES under mutual arrangements between Commanding Officers concerned.

The 12th Battalion will remain under the orders of G.O.C. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde. but may be called upon by G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. in case of emergency.

Completion of this relief will be wired by 1st Battalion to these Headquarters and by 12th Battalion to 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

D. J. ...
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.R. at 4.30 p.m.

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5. G.O.C.
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7. Staff Captain,
8. Signal Officer.
9. No. 2 Coy. Div. Train.
10. 1st Aust. Div. "G".
11. 1st Aust. Div. "Q".
12. 1st Aust. Battalion,
13. 2nd Aust. Battalion,
14. 3rd Aust. Battalion,
15. 4th Aust. Battalion,
16. 1st Aust. M.G.Coy.,
17. 1st Aust. L.T.M.Bty.,
18. 1st Field Coy. A.E.
19. 1st Field Ambulance,
20. French Division.
21. French Brigade.
22. 21st Aust. M.G.Coy.
23. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
24. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
25. 19th Inf. Bde.
26. 12th Aust Bn

CONFIDENTIAL.FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 4.FROM 6 a.m. 17th APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 18th APRIL, 1918.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was very active throughout the day and successfully dealt with many enemy concentrations opposite our front. Counter preparation shoots were put over three times during the night. Our S.O.S. barrage was reported to be very good and well placed and at 4.30 p.m. fell directly on the enemy who was collecting in the shallow trenches opposite us.

(b) Patrols. The usual protective and liaison patrols covered the front during the night. There is very little scope for patrols as the enemy is everywhere very close to us.

(c) Machine Guns. Machine guns engaged targets throughout the day and at night maintained a policy of harassing fire on known centres of enemy movement.

(d) Trench Mortars. Trench mortars found good targets against enemy M.G. positions in and about farms and hedges opposite the front.

(e) Snipers. Snipers and Machine Guns again had a busy day, the enemy not yet having taken much trouble to conceal his movement.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. One wounded Officer of the 23rd Regiment, 12th Res. Div. was taken and one Aspirant Officer of 63rd Regiment, 12th (Active) Division from LAVENTIE where he was 5 days ago. The 12th Division (Active) was to have attacked yesterday, the objective being STEENVOORDE. The attack fell through owing to the activity of our artillery.

3. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. There was a great increase in enemy artillery activity yesterday. At 9.30 a.m. a heavy barrage was put down on the forward area and later was extended to the back area.

The intensity of the fire was extreme. STRAZEELE, PRADELLES and BOKRE were heavily bombarded and all roads in the area were badly knocked about. Combined with this an area shoot against farms, hedges, etc., with 4.2 and 5.9s. H.V. and Shrapnel took place.

4. ENEMY OPERATIONS. Under cover of this bombardment the enemy attacked the left and centre Battalions. He was engaged with M.G. and rifle fire and failed to reach our posts. M.Gs. of Companies on the flanks of the attack brought effective enfilade fire to bear.

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Enemy remains distinctly aggressive. His morale appears good and he appears determined to push on.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. A squadron of 8 machines flew over our forward and back areas at intervals throughout the day machine gunning our troops and positions. These machines flew at a very low altitude. In one of their flights a British R.E.8 co-operated, this confirming the already well founded suspicion that the enemy are flying our machines.

7. OUR AERIAL ACTIVITY. Our aircraft were up. On encounter is reported as result of which a British plane fell at X.20.D.3.7.

Major

Major,

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Wed April 17th

"Report on attempted enemy
attack on morning April 17th"

The enemy opened up
with a very intense barrage
at 9.30 a.m. which gradually
lifted back. After the
lift enemy about 200
strong commenced to advance
by ~~short~~ ^{short} rushes
towards my line; there were
immediately opened on by
our h.g. & rifles &
heavy casualties being
inflicted the enemy got
down he was now
about 70⁺ from our
line. About 20 minutes

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Later about 60 of the
enemy came on again
but once more was met
with our h.g. & rifle
fire & retired in disorder
many casualties being
inflicted. Fortunately the
enemy barrage which was
most intense pinned both
our front & support lines
except in one spot where
1 officer & 10 or so became
casualties. But it
effectually cut off communication
for 2 hrs.

P. S. Paine Lt Col.

4th Bn 4th Div
Enemy casualties estimated at
about 60
Our casualties 1 officer killed & 10 or so

Report on
Operations.

Hdqrs
1st Aust Inf Bn
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- (1) At 9.50 am the enemy shelled our front-line system & rear area with 77mm & 2 & 95 H.C. Immediately afterwards he launched an attack against our right & central Coys from the direction of W 25 D & F1 A & B (Sheet 27 SE.) In the attack the enemy adopted the method of massed formation which offered a splendid target for our Lewis gunners & riflemen. The attack continued until 12.25 pm. In all instances the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses.
- (2) Our line remains intact.
- (3) Our casualties amounted to approx. ~~to 40~~ 40.

- (3) During the engagement our reserve Coy reinforced the right ~~left~~ Coys with one platoon ~~east~~ & another platoon was placed in position at the disposal of ~~left Coy~~.
- (4) The left Coy against whom no direct attack was made used their Lewis guns with advantage by ^{to hear} sniping & cross firing on the enemy.
- (5) Liaison is being maintained on both flanks.
- (6) The enemy appears to concentrate his artillery mainly in this area between road running from W 24 D 87 to X 19 central & cross roads at W 25 F 66 to road at X 19 D 98.

(7) 3-30 pm Situation quiet

Rec 5.30
3-35 pm

By Staff
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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 81.

Brigade Headquarters,
17th April, 1918.

1. The 2nd Aust. Battalion will relieve the 3rd Aust. Battalion in the line to-night under mutual arrangements between Commanding Officers concerned.
2. Completion of relief will be notified to this Office by wire.

A C K N O W L E D G E .

Mitchell
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued by D.R. at 3 p.m.

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 - ~~2-4.~~ War Diary,
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 6. B.M.
 7. Staff Captain.
 8. 1st Aust. Div. "G".
 9. 1st Aust. Div. "Q".
 10. Signal Officer.
 11. 1st Aust. Battalion,
 12. 2nd Aust. Battalion,
 13. 3rd Aust. Battalion,
 14. 4th Aust. Battalion,
 15. 1st Aust. M.G. COY.
 16. 1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
 17. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 18. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 19. French Battalion.
 20. Artillery Group.

S E C R E T.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.DEFENCE ORGANISATION 1.

1. The situation at the moment is that troops are engaged with the enemy beyond the position now being prepared by this Brigade. Should these troops fall back behind our Outpost Line the defence of the Sector will be assumed by the G.O.C. 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. who will take command of all troops in the Sector.

2. Each Battalion in the line will act on similar principles.

3. The front line is the line of resistance and will be held at all costs.

It will be consistently and *continuously* improved until thoroughly defensible.

Subsidiary lines of defence are being constructed, vide map attached.

4. The dispositions of the Brigade are as follows:-

	Bde. H.Qrs.	- BORRE.
In line - Right	- 3rd Battalion	- Headquarters STRAZEELE.
In line - Left	- 4th Battalion	- Headquarters STRAZEELE.
In Support	- 1st Battalion	- Headquarters PRADELLES.
In Reserve	- 2nd Battalion	- Headquarters BORRE.
	"X" Battalion	- Headquarters Sq. W.25.B.
In Line	- 1st M.G.Coy.	- Headquarters STRAZEELE.
In Line	- 1st L.T.M.Bty.	- Headquarters STRAZEELE.

5. Artillery Liaison exists with Brigade Headquarters and the line Battalions, the 28th Army Brigade R.F.A. having been allotted to the defences of the locality.

6. Immediately the Brigade becomes engaged the usual information and reports will be submitted daily.

In the meantime all Units will report at 6 a.m., 6 p.m., noon and midnight on the progress made in the defences.

Map shewing details of dispositions and works will at once be submitted by the Units in line and amended as alterations occur.

7. All troops will immediately be informed of the principles which will govern their employment in the event of attack and will be kept posted with the situation as it is developing in front.

8. Battalions in line will maintain close liaison with all formations out in front to obviate surprise.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

M. J. Curran
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Bde. H.Q.
13/4/18.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DEFENCE ORGANISATION 2.

Artillery arrangements in connection with the defence of the Brigade Sector have now been co-ordinated, and are as follows:-

The Brigade Sector is covered by a Group of Field Artillery consisting of 4 Field Artillery Brigades.

For purposes of Protective Barrage in the event of an attack these Brigades are allotted 2 on each Battalion frontage.

The 18 pdr. Barrage Line is as shown on the attached tracing (issued to Division and Battalions only).

Switches have been arranged to thicken the barrage on either Battalion frontage should a local attack only develop.

Liaison is as follows:-

With each Battalion in the line a Senior Artillery Officer of the R.F.A. Brigade covering the Battalion.

At Brigade Headquarters the Group Commander in touch with all Brigades of the Artillery Group and with the Divisional Artillery of the 57th Division.

S.O.S. Arrangements are as follows:-

YELLOW The rocket Signal now on issue to Battalions (RED over GREEN over ~~RED~~) will be used until GREEN Very Lights become available when these will be substituted.

On the S.O.S. being fired it will be confirmed to Brigade Headquarters by telephone as soon as possible.

On the S.O.S. being fired the Artillery Group will play on its Barrage Lines as follows:-

- 1st 5 minutes 4 rounds per gun per minute.
- 2nd 5 minutes 3 rounds per gun per minute.
- 3rd 5 minutes 2 rounds per gun per minute.
- 4th Then gradually dying away.

Should further protection be wanted the S.O.S. Signal will be repeated.

When the limits of the flanks of any enemy attack have been ascertained arrangements will be made to thicken the barrage by concentrating Batteries allotted to other Sectors on to the front attacked.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Arden
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Bde. H.Qrs.
14th April, 1918.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DEFENCE ORGANISATION 3.

CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE LOCALITY.

1. The Area GRAND DEC BOIS - PETIT SEC BOIS will be prepared as a Defensive Locality and a switch line constructed therefrom towards PRADELLES.

This switch will consist of a series of platoon posts which will be sited by the C.O. 2nd Battalion.

The preparation of SEC BOIS as a Defensive Locality will be the responsibility of the C.O. 2nd Battalion who will ensure effective tactical co-ordination with troops of the 2nd Brigade which are employed under Divisional Orders in continuing the system Southwards.

C.O. 2nd Battalion will forward daily reports as to progress made.

BORRE DEFENCES.

2. The 5th Composite Battalion (X Battalion) will prepare, under 2nd Army orders, a series of posts covering the village of BORRE and the railway Establishment one mile North of the village.

The selection of the line and its construction will be the responsibility of the Commanding Officer who will forward daily progress reports to these Headquarters for transmission to 2nd Army.

M.G. DEFENCE.

3. (a) One section Vickers Machine Guns from 21st Company has been placed at the disposal of the Brigade and the place of these guns in the support position will be taken by one section of the 1st M.G.Coy.

O.C. 1st M.G.Coy., will emplace these guns in accordance with the principles for Machine Gun Defence already issued and exercise tactical control over them.

(b) The 21st M.G.Coy., has to-day been deployed on the line LA MOTTE - PRADELLES with instructions to co-operate with the Infantry in support. Commanding Officers of Support and Reserve Battalions will make themselves fully acquainted with the details of this Company's dispositions.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. M. M. M. M.

Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

Bde. H.Qrs.
14th April, 1918.

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SECRET.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.DEFENCE ORGANISATION NO. 4.

Now that the Brigade is well settled in the Sector it becomes necessary to put in hand certain details affecting works which have hitherto been impossible.

The following matters will therefore be given attention:-

1. R.E.TOOLS. Units will salvage all picks and shovels in their area and place them in dumps. All tools over and above those likely to be required in an emergency will be sent to the wagon lines to complete the mobile echelon of Units.
Tools in excess of these requirements will be returned to the Staff Captain to complete the Brigade mobile reserve of tools.
2. R.E.MATERIAL. Units will, having regard to supplies on hand, submit demands daily 24 hours in advance for R.E. material required.
Whilst no guarantee can be given that demands will be met, every effort will be made to get the stores up.
3. WIRING. The most urgent work at the moment is wire. Units will concentrate on this in accordance with the orders already issued and report progress daily.
4. REPORTS. The 6 hourly reports previously called for need no longer be submitted, but a short narrative relative to defences, and accompanied by sketches if possible, will accompany the Daily Intelligence Summary.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. Lauterbach
Major,

Brigade Major 1st Australian Infantry Brigade.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 5.

FROM 6 a.m. 18th APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 19th APRIL, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery fired consistently throughout the day on enemy Forward and rear positions and roads of approach. E.6.B. & D. and E.12. were swept with fire by our 18 pdrs. and 4.5 Hows. between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. with the object of enveloping enemy troops reported moving. Very good shooting was observed, and casualties were inflicted on the enemy, in one case men were seen to leave their trench and run for other cover.

In view of a possible enemy attack a counter preparation shoot, lasting from 4.30 a.m. to 5.15 a.m., was put down in front of the Brigade Sub-Sector.

(b) Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with flanking Units throughout the night.

A reconnoitring patrol of one Officer and 2 O.H. left at 9 p.m. at E.11.A.8.0. to investigate an enemy listening post located at E.11.B.6.0. On the approach of our patrol the occupants of the post moved out. The post was well dug in 7' by 4' with boarded bottom showing signs of recent use. Patrol returned to point of departure at 10.15 p.m.

(c) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired 48 rounds on to buildings at MONT de MERRIS. Enemy were seen to vacate the buildings during the shoot.

(d) Machine Guns. Vickers and Lewis Guns were active during the day and night. Lewis Guns availed themselves of all opportunities to fire on the enemy. Vickers Guns expended 11,000 rounds of S.A.A. on to enemy roads, approaches and concentration areas.

(e) Snipers. The activity of our snipers has greatly decreased enemy movement, but several hits are claimed on enemy parties.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. A prisoner belonging to the 5th Coy. 2nd Battalion, 287th R.I.R. of 81st Res. Division was captured in X.20.

3. DISPOSITIONS. Prisoner, a reliable Pole states that his Division were on garrison duty in WARSAW for two years, then for 6 months in RATIBUR 5 kilos from the Austrian Frontier, from which place his Unit left a week ago. Prisoners Company Commander told the whole Company that they were to attack early on the morning of the 19th. This Division is a poor one and were to compose party of the first wave, followed by Active Divisions who were to continue the push. The objectives were indefinite but he had been told that they would advance a distance of about two kilos. 288th R.I.R. were to follow together with the 289th R.I.R. The 12th Division and the 11th Bavarian Division were to participate in the attack. Prisoner saw the Dragoon Guards and some Lancer Regiments about 15 or 20 kilometres to the rear. Whilst in RATIBUR prisoner's Division underwent strenuous training in Company, Battalion, Divisional and Army Corps manouvres lasting four days.

3. ENEMY ARTILLERY. There was a marked decrease in enemy artillery activity during the 24 hours. The forward area was spasmodically shelled with 77s, 4.2s and 5.9s during the day and at 5.30 p.m. a destructive shoot took place against STRAZEELE Station.

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<u>Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>	<u>Calibre.</u>	<u>Direction.</u>
2 p.m.	STRAZEELE Station.	4	4.2 H.E.	East.
3 p.m.	E.5.A.	10	77 Shrap.	MERRIS.
7.30 p.m.	W.29.B.	28	5.9 H.E.	E.S.E.
8.40 p.m.	STRAZEELE	4	5.9 H.E.	E.S.E.
8.40 p.m.	W.28.B.	30	4.2 H.E.	E.S.E.
9 p.m.	E.11.A.4.6.	12	4.2 H.E.	East.
5.30 a.m.	STRAZEELE Station to E.5.B.1.9.	200 approx. <i>and HE</i>	4.2 Shrap.	E.S.E.
6 a.m.	W.20.A. & B.	25	5.9 H.E.	E.S.E.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Slightly less aggressive. Enemy is not as careless in his movements as in the first few days. He still appears to devote his time to consolidation.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. An enemy listening post was located at E.11.B.6.0. It is 7' by 4', boarded at the bottom, and shows signs of recent occupation.

A Headquarters is suspected at E.17.D.9.0. as men have been seen to ride up on bicycles at intervals throughout the day and material was taken to it from a vehicle.

Parties were seen to enter trench at E.6.C.5.5. A sniper camouflaged with bushes was seen to leave trench at E.5.D.95.45. and moved to house at E.5.D.95.30.

Enemy post was located at X.20.C.85.45. and a machine gun at X.20.D.1.1.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were more active than usual during the day. 4 low flying machines were over X.19. at 11 a.m. and at 1.50 p.m. an E.A. patrolled our front area for 20 minutes at an altitude of 300 feet.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Movement of individuals and of parties of men was seen during the day at E.5.D.95.30., E.6.C.5.9., E.12.A.15.60., Wood in F.7.C., House at E.12.C.2.2. and E.12.C.5.9., Road in E.17.D.

Movement during the day was considerable in Squares E.6. and E.12.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. During our bombardment of enemys line at 7.45 p.m. a flare was fired bursting into two GREENS. Immediately enemys barrage opened on sector opposite from where the flares were fired.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 6.

FROM 6 a.m. 19th APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 20th APRIL, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing and destructive fire against enemy forward positions, occupied farm buildings and roads was carried out by our batteries during the 24 hours.

4.5 Hows. and 18 pdr. Shrap. did good shooting on farm buildings in E.4.C. during the afternoon. Men ran in all directions and many were seen to fall.

(b) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired 27 rounds on to buildings at MONT de MERRIS during the day with good results. 6" Newton Mortars were very active during the period, 93 rounds being fired on to enemy positions in E.6.C., E.11.B. and E.12.A. with the object of destroying occupied buildings and defensive works. Registration shoots were also carried out and direct hits obtained on occupied farm houses.

(c) Machine Guns. Enemy roads and approaches and centres of activity were subjected to bursts of fire by our Vickers Guns throughout the night, and Lewis Guns engaged enemy forward positions at intervals.

(d) Snipers. Snipers availed themselves of every opportunity of firing on to any enemy movement and four hits are claimed.

(e) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Battalions and flanking Units throughout the night.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Enemy artillery was generally much quieter than usual. STRAZEELE and vicinity received most attention during the period and at 9.45 p.m. about 20 Gas shells were fired into the village.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Less aggressive and much more cautious in his movement.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. A trench system is suspected at X.26.A.9.5. and posts were located at X.20.C.95.95. and X.20.C.7.5. Enemy is still working on trench system in E.6.C. A sniper was located at E.12.C.1.5.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were much more active during the day, 24 machines being observed over our lines. Enemy balloons were observed on T.Bs. of 90°, 108°, 110° and 157° from W.25.B.35.85.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Movement of small parties of men was seen at intervals during the day in E.3.D., E.6.C., E.12.B. E.13.A., and between OUTERSTEENE and BLEU.

A working party of about 30 men was observed at 10.30 a.m. at F.13.B.7.7.

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CONFIDENTIAL.FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 7.FROM 6 a.m. 20th APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 21st APRIL, 1918.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our batteries fired on consistently throughout the day on enemy forward positions, roads and occupied buildings. As result of the shooting fires broke out in HERRIS and OUTERSTRENT. Counter preparation shoots were carried out from 7.35 p.m. to 8 p.m. 8.5 to 8.55 p.m. 4.10 a.m. to 4.35 a.m. and from 5 a.m. to 5.30 a.m..

(b) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired 66 rounds on to buildings at BOU de HERRIS and 7 rounds were fired by 6" Newtons on to enemy post at E.11.B.7.6.

(c) Machine Guns. Machine Guns engaged targets throughout the night and maintained a policy of harassing fire on known centres of activity.

(d) Snipers. Four hits on enemy parties are claimed by snipers.

(e) Patrols. Liaison patrols maintained lateral communication between Battalions and flanking Units throughout the night.

Patrols from our Left Battalion out between 11.30 p.m. and 3.45 a.m. located enemy posts at X.20.C.8.8. and X.26.A.0.7.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Papers taken from the body of a dead German found at X.25.C.9.6. shew him to belong to Second Coy. 1st Battalion of the 138th I.A. Papers forwarded herewith (to Division).

3. ENEMY SHELLING. Enemy batteries of a light calibre paid more attention to our forward posts than usual, and STRAZELLE was again intermittently shelled all day. Otherwise the shelling was generally light and scattered during the period.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. Very alert and shews increased activity in sniping.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Posts strongly held were located at X.20.C.8.8. and X.26.A.0.7. A post is being dug along hedge X.20.B.2.1. Snipers were active at house at X.20.C.95.85. and post at X.20.C.9.7. A house situated at F.1.A.1.5. has a loophole in the side through which a sniper fired several rounds about 7.30 p.m. An enemy machine gun was active throughout the night from E.11.D.3.4.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft was much more active than usual being constantly over our lines throughout the day, low flying planes were engaged by Lewis and Machine Guns without result.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANIZATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Two Officers were seen to enter building at F.13.B.15.70 at 11.30 a.m. Movement of individuals was noticed in VIEUX BERQUIN during the afternoon.

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CONFIDENTIAL.FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE NO. 8.FROM 6 a.m. 21st APRIL, 1918, TO 6 a.m. 22nd APRIL, 1918.1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was extremely active throughout the day and night, enemy forward areas, roads and occupied buildings being subjected to constant harassing and destructive fire.

A counter preparation shoot took place from 4 a.m. to 4.25 a.m. and from 4.45 a.m. to 5.15 a.m.

(b) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired 55 rounds on to occupied buildings, good shooting being obtained. During the shoot at MONT de MERRIS men were seen to vacate the buildings.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns were active during the night subjecting roads of approach and cross roads to intermittent bursts of fire. Lewis Guns were active against enemy forward positions and working parties.

(d) Snipers. One hit is claimed by our snipers, the man being killed at Cross Roads at X.20.C.8.8.

(e) Patrols. The usual protective and liaison patrols covered the front during the night. A reconnoitring patrol examined buildings at E.5.D.75.45. which were found unoccupied and shew no signs of recent use.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. One Officer and one Other Rank, both wounded, belonging to 2nd Coy. 63rd I.R. of 12th Division were captured at X.25.D.1.9. (Normal).

Prisoners state that they were two of a party reconnoitring for a M.G. position and came under the fire of our Lewis Guns. It is believed that the remaining men of the party were killed.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. The enemy has been much more active than in the preceding 24 hours. Harassing and destructive shoots against our roads, counter battery work and registration shoots were the chief characteristics of the activity.

Gas shells fell in the vicinity of STRAZEELE at 9.30 p.m. and 4.50 a.m.

4. ENEMY ATTITUDE. With the exception of increased artillery activity enemy was much quieter.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. An occupied trench is visible at E.18.D.8.3. and at about F.13.B.7.7. Snipers were active during the day from building at F.1.A.1.7.

6. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were not as active as on previous day and kept more within their own lines.

7. MOVEMENT AND ORGANISATION IN AND BEHIND ENEMY LINES. Working parties were seen throughout the afternoon at E.6.C.5.9. and F.13.B.7.7. Constant movement of individual men was seen throughout the day at FM LYNDE and FM LABIS and both are suspected Headquarters.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. A 77 m.m. battery was observed firing on a T.B. of 158⁰ from X.19.A.2.5.

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1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 82.

Brigade Headquarters,
21st April, 1918.

REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 36A, 1:40,000.

1. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved in the line from the present Right Boundary to the HAZEBROUCK - BAILLEUL Railway on the Night 21/22nd April by the 92nd Brigade, 31st Division.

The Railway will remain inclusive to the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde.

2. On completion of relief the Southern Divisional Boundary becomes the abovementioned Railway Line.

3. The defence of the PETIT SEC BOIS Locality will be handed over to the 92nd Brigade, 31st Division, and 3rd Battalion will be quartered within the limits of the Divisional Area between the Southern Boundary and PRADELLES. This Area will be reconnoitred at once by the Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion, who will forward to reach this Office to-night sketch shewing new dispositions.

4. One Company of the 3rd Battalion now in Support in and about Sq. E.4. Central will be relieved by the Right Line Company of the 2nd Battalion.

5. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.

6. Completion of relief in each case will be notified to this Office by wire.

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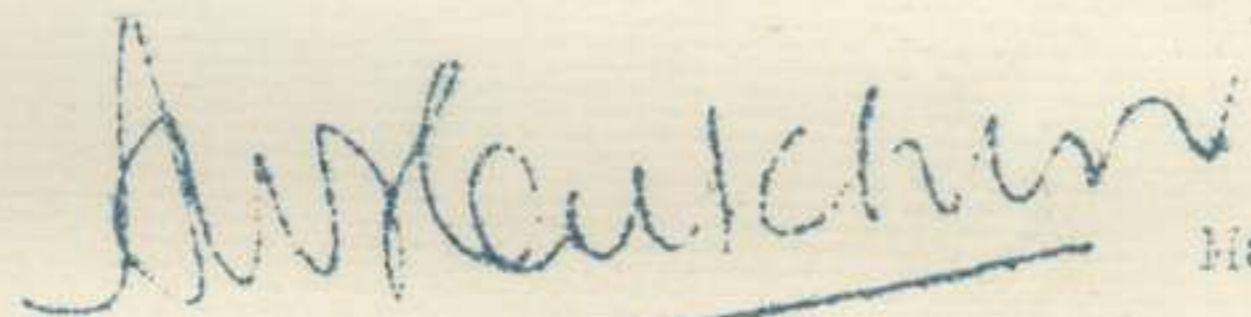
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 - 16. 1st Aust. L.T.M. Bty.
 - 17. 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.,
 - 18. 3rd Aust. Inf. Bde.
 - 19. 21st Aust. M.G. Coy.,
 - 20. 1st Field Coy. A.E.
 - 21. 1st Field Ambulance.
 - 22. 92nd Infantry Brigade.
 - 23. 31st Division.

1ST. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 83.Brigade Headquarters,
21st April, 1918.REFERENCE MAPS, SHEETS 27 & 36A, 1:40,000.

1. The 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved in the line on the night 22/23rd April, by the 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde.
2. The 2nd Aust. Inf. Bde. will hold the line on a two Battalion frontage, the inter-battalion boundary being the line X.25.A.0.0. - Road Junction W.24.C.0.3. - thence the road to W.23.A.9.4.
3. The 6th Battalion will relieve the 2nd Battalion and portion of the 4th Battalion, and the 5th will relieve the 1st and portion of the 4th. The 8th Battalion will relieve the 3rd and the 7th Battalion will be concentrated in the Area immediately North of PRADELLES.
4. On relief Battalions of the 1st Aust. Inf. Bde. will move to locations vacated by the opposite numbers, the 4th Battalion moving to the area now occupied by the 7th Battalion. Headquarters in the new area are shewn overleaf.
5. Details of relief not herein provided for will be arranged mutually between Commanding Officers concerned.
6. Advance parties of the 5th and 6th Battalions will go forward to-night and remain in the line until completion of relief.
7. Completion of relief will be reported to this Office by wire.

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Location of Headquarters of Units on Completion
of Relief.

Brigade Headquarters		W.7.B.9.4.
1st Aust. Battalion	THIESHOUK.	Q.35.B.2.3.
2nd Aust. Battalion	ROUGE CROIX.	W.9.B.0.4.
3rd Aust. Battalion	BORRE - PRADELLES	W.13.A.2.8.
4th Aust. Battalion	LE PEUPLIER.	W.7.B.4.5.
1st Aust. M.G.Coy.	LE PEUPLIER.	W.7.B.4.5.
1st Aust. L.T.M.Bty.	LE PEUPLIER.	W.7.B.4.5.
