

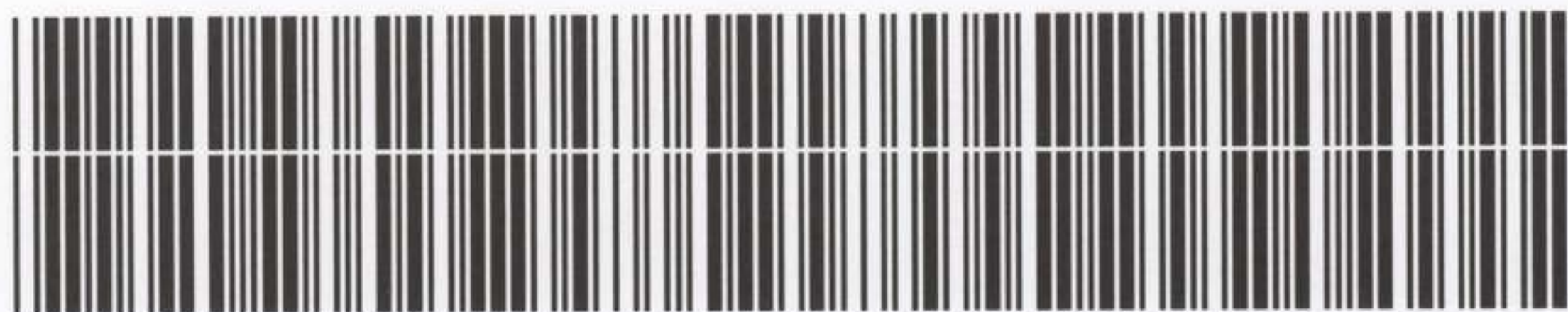
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VIGNACOURT	Dec 27	6pm	The G.O.C. and G.S.O. 1. visited the 4 th Bde at CARDONNETTE. G.O.C. gave the CO.s of 13 th , 14 th , 16 th Batts tactical exercises.	
	Dec 28	6pm	a heavy frost in the morning and, later a foggy day. The G.O.C. visited the 4 th Div School at LA CHAUSSÉE and inspected the work there. In the afternoon the G.S.O. 1. lectured at the Div School on "Open warfare". G.S.O. 1. inspected the 13 th Bde Rifle Range between ST VAST and LA CHAUSSÉE. Brig Gen Holmes formerly Col 5 th Aus Inf Bde arrived preparatory to taking over command of the Division.	
	29.		a conference, attend by Col Brig Gen Holmes, and CO.s of units throughout the Division was held at VIGNACOURT. For matters dealt with vide attached Circular.	APP I not attached
	30	430pm	a Boxing Tournament, for which 80 entries were received from all Divisional units was commenced at VIGNACOURT. Brig Gen Holmes and the G.S.O. 1. visited the 4 th Div School. G.S.O. 3 visited 1 st ANZAC Corps School at BOIS D'ESCARDONNEUSE to watch experiments with a new S.O. 3. signal.	
	31	8pm	Statement showing disposition of units attached.	APP II
Jan 1.			Map - Gen Holmes relinquished command of the Division today, the command being handed over to Brig Gen Holmes. 1 st Div Order No 41, referring to formation in Dec. 1918, into R. area issued today. Brig Gen Holmes' Plan, as far as possible, the day was observed as Christmas.	APP III
Jan 2.			The G.O.C. G.S.O. 1. & G.S.O. 3 visited the 4 th Bde at RAINVILLE. The 9 th Bde moved to RIBEMONT and the 12 th Bde moved to TRANVILLERS LA HOUSSE. Statement showing disposition of units attached. In the morning the G.O.C. & G.S.O. 1. inspected the route marching and musketry of the 50 th Batt. G.S.O. 3 visited the 4 th Div School in the evening.	APP IV

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VIGNACOURT	Jan 3.	6.p.m.	In the morning G.O.C. and G.S.O.1 visited the 4 th Aus. Div. Art. school at NADURS and saw the 13 th Bde. on the march. G.S.O.1. visited the 4 th Div. School in the afternoon. The 12 th Bde moved to DERNANCOURT and 13 th Bde to RAINNEVILLE. Copy of Disposition of units attached.	
RIBEMONT	4.	8.p.m.	The 4 th Div. H.Q. moved from VIGNACOURT to RIBEMONT, the office being opened at 12 noon at the latter. The G.S.O.1 visited the 12 th Div. H.Q. at POMMIERS to arrange details of relief Copy of Disposition of units attached.	APP. II
	5.	8.15 p.m.	4 th Aus. Div. Order No 42 issued - copy attached In the morning G.O.C. attend a conference of Divisional Commanders at POMMIERS. The G.S.O.3 visited 1 st Div. at POMMIERS to enquire into matters relating to observers and maps. In the afternoon the G.S.O.1 visited 13 th Bde at BUIRE. 12 th Bde moved from DERNANCOURT to MAMETZ. Copy of Disposition of units attached.	APP. VI APP. VII
	6.	8.30 p.m.	The G.O.C. and G.S.O.1 visited the 1 st ANZAC Corps school at BOIS d'ESCARDONNEUSE. The 13 th Bde moved from BUIRE to FRICOURT, the 12 th Bde moving forward as per disposition attached.	APP. VIII
	7.	5.30 p.m.	The G.O.C. & G.S.O.1 inspected the 4 th Bde on their march from RIBEMONT to MAMETZ. The 12 th Bde moved forward to take over right sector of Divisional front. at 5 p.m. this Brigade reported the situation normal. Copy of Disposition of units attached.	APP. IX
			Situation Map attached. The situation is normal, much of same as on previous days. The ground is quite unfit for active operations & both sides seem to restrict their attention to improving their positions. The Germans seem to be at work but their main lines are well strengthened.	APP. X

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RIBEMONT.	Jan 8 th		Major McRae, G.S.O. (2), returned from leave last night, having been 35 hours on the way from London. The leave train arrangements in England are excellent, but once the leave man arrives in France his difficulties begin. Leave trains apparently only leave the ports once daily & not in connection with the boats, which sail according to the tides, with the result that leave men are often forced to stay a day & night at the Port. Leave trains are very unpunctual & slow. No facilities exist for food en route & the sanitary conveniences are nil. Officers continually have to travel in 3rd Class Carriages, with no lights at night, & most of the doors windows & the doors are broken - & this in mid winter induces all the good effects of leave. The journey usually takes 2 to 3 days from the Port to the Front Areas. (Regimental Officers who left London on the 6th, did not reach their units until the afternoon of the 11th inst.) G.S.O. 2 + 3. visited 1st Aus Div. HQ. at POMMIERS REDOUBT today & took over documents & maps, preparatory to our Relief for tomorrow. The G.S.O. 1. visited ANZAC. The weather is wet & cold, with light intervals with Heavy Showers. The mud is much worse than when we were in the line before - as the ground has become more sodden & the water stands in the hollows & does not sink through the clayey soil. Wind. N + N.E.; cold, up to 30-40 m. p.h. Squally & overcast. Temperature. 35°. Fahr. The Meteorological Dept. prophesies cold weather likely to last some days.	
POMMIERS REDOUBT.	9 th A.M. 10.30		Divisional Headquarters closed at RIBEMONT and opened at POMMIERS REDOUBT at the same hour. Maj. General Holmes took over Command of the ANZAC. Left Div. Front Area for Maj. General Walker Comd'g the 1st Aus. Division. Situation Map attached. The Situation is normal, much the same as when we were in the line last. But it seems as if an artillery was were active & the daily bombardments heavier & longer. The ground is quite unfit for active operations & both sides seem to restrict their attention to improving their positions. The Germans seem to be only holding their front lines at night but their main lines are being strengthened.	App. XI.

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	Jan. 10 th		The G.S.O. 2. visited the 4 th Brigade, who less 14 th Bn, are in Nissen huts at MAMETZ and very comfortable. Consequent on the alteration of the Corps front our Artillery is being reorganised as below:- No 1 Group. { 24 th A.F.A. Brigade. { 2 nd A.F.A. ——— } Dividing line. N. 20. D. 05. 40 — N. D. D. 6. 9. No 2 Group. { 10 th A.F.A. Brigade. { 12 th A.F.A. ——— }	
		5 p.m.	Situation Normal. Intelligence Summary No 67. attached. Attached is an intelligence map showing the dispositions after German troops on our front	App <u>XV</u> — <u>XVI</u>
	11 th	5 a.m.	Situation normal. Wind South. 20-22 n.p.h., changed to N. mainly overcast. Cold with some sleet & snow, which, however, did not last long on the ground. The 24 th A.F.A. arrived at the Wagner hies today, en route for rest area at NAOURS and moved into the hie town.	
			The 1st Aus. Div. Artillery, now in two lines with our own Divisional Artillery, are withdrawing further line between the 11 th & 19 th inst. owing to the extension of the Corps front.	
		8 a.m.	Statement, showing the distribution of units attached. The G.S.O. 2. with the C.R.E. inspected the NICHOLSON Tunnel, with the idea of finding out whether it it did worth continuing it, as the detachment 1st Aus Pioneers, now at work on the tunnel is to be withdrawn on the 16 th inst. The tunnel is only through, not ready, as far as GAP Trench, about 900 yards, or about half way. Attached is C.R.E.'s Report. It appears that when the 1st Aus. Div. our predecessors in this area, were here, they gambled on the tunnel being a early success and hoping to use it as their main communication forward of Brigade headquarters, allowed the otherwise only covered communication FLARE AVENUE to fall into disrepair & even removed the duck boards in parts. Now we are worse off for communications than we were two months ago, & all our work will have to be done over again. The G.O.C. has decided not to continue work on the tunnel beyond GAP Trench for want of labour.	App <u>XVII</u> . Not attached App XVIII

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	1916 11 th		The G.S.O. 2 also visited POSSUM RESERVE to see the new work, which is going on very slowly or it would seem. The G.S.O. 1. Slept at 13th Bde HQ, so as to make an early start to visit the rest of the line tomorrow. Approval has been given for the appointment of an Officer of the Intelligence Corps to be appointed to each Division. No news yet as to who will be appointed here. No information has been received as the relief of the Division in the line, but orders were issued today for the 12th Brigade to be relieved by the 4th Brigade about the 24th January. The 13th Bde is to arrange for Battalions to be relieved, with an idea of the Brigade being in the line for 32-34 days.	
		5pm	Situation normal. The 50th Division, on our left, carried out a bombardment of hostile trenches in M. 17. B & D, which they report as successful. Daily Intelligence Summary No. 68. attached.	app. XIX
	12 th	5a	Situation normal. Wind W to N.W. 15-25 m.p.h. Snow & sleet on & off all day. frost at night. When the re-organisation of the Field Artillery, into 6 gun batteries, is completed, each Division will have 2 Brigades of 3-18 pr batteries. i.e. 36 guns. 1 Brigade of 3-45 howitzers. 12 howitzers. In addition 3 Army Brigades of Field Artillery, will be under Corps & a brigade or more will be allotted to Divisions in the line, so as to allow a brigade to be withdrawn for rest and training. The G.S.O. 1. visited the front line trenches on our left before dawn & after breakfast saw the machine gun positions of the Second line in company with the Corps Machine Gun Officer.	
		5p.	Situation Normal. The 50th Division reported that an intense barrage was put on the centre of their front line during last night. Daily Intelligence Summary No. 69. attached.	app. XX
		5pm	Statement showing the disposition of units at 8am attached.	app. XXI
	13 th	5a	Situation normal. Wind NW-W. Overcast with showers of sleet & snow. Cold.	

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	Jan 13 th		XIV Corps Artillery carried out a bombardment of the TRANSLOY AREA. A General Staff Circular issued today on the policy of work to be carried out in the Front Area - copy attached. The G.O.C. visited Brigade Headquarters at 5.12 B. Today.	App XXII
		5 pm	Situation. The left flank of the left Brigade was heavily shelled between 1.15 - 1.35 pm. Other wise normal. Copy of daily Intelligence Summary No 71. attached	App XXIII
	14 th	5 am	Situation normal. Wind E. 5-10 m p.h. to N.E. 15-20. Cloudy & misty all day - but otherwise fine, frost at night.	
		10 am	The Artillery Arrangements for liaison are now as follows:- No 1. Group finds a Liaison Officer for the Right Infantry Brigade HQ. No 2. _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! Left Battalion of the Right Brigade. _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____! _____!	
			The G.S.O. 2. visited the Reserve line from POSSUM trench to near FACTORY Corner, at which place HAY RESERVE is now being extended.	
			The 13 th Bde, 50 th Br., captured a mortally wounded prisoner at 9 pm last night. See copy of Intelligence Summary No 71. attached.	App XXIV
			Our casualties have been very slight. Between the 9 th and 14 th incl (both inclusive) our casualties were as follows:- Killed. Wounded. Missing. Sick & Wounded. 7 th - 14 th . 23 other Ranks. 1 Officer. 39 OR. 1 other Rank. 3 Officers. 116 OR.	
			which works out to a daily average of killed & wounded abt 10.6 p.diem.	
		5 pm	Situation. Quieter than usual. It was reported that a Zeppelin was seen flying very fast & low eastwards over LIGNY THILLOU towards BAPAUME at 2.15 pm.	

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POHMIERS REDOUBT.	1916 Jan 15 th	AM. 5	Situation normal. One German, 363rd Regt., walked into our lines at N. 21. D. 08 at 3 a.m. this morning. He was unarmed & had no identification marks, but gave certain useful information. Weather - wind N.E. 10-15 m.p.h. overcast but fine. Day temperature 32°. Night 25°. Fair. The G.O.C. with his A.D.C. went up through EVE ALLEY. Knee deep & over in liquid mud to reconnoitre the route & enemy trenches for SHINE Trench. The mud in these trenches is dreadful - the trenches have been allowed to fall in & are undrained & useless for any tactical use at present. The G.S.O. 1. visited forward Brigade Headquarters. The G.S.O. 3. went out looking up at or early this morning with Major Butler. G.S.O. 2. for intelligence, 1st ANZAC, and reconnoitred our night front trenches. The 2nd Aus Div took a prisoner from the 361st Regt. this morning, also a deserter, both he & the man taken by the 12th Bde this morning, stated that a battalion relief is expected in the Battalion Sector tonight. Our artillery took the necessary action. This on former occasions, we have from other deserters, has caused many casualties during the reliefs. Orders received from 1st ANZAC today that when the wind is from the N or N.E., all precautions will be taken against gas.	
		5p.	Situation normal. Factory Corner was intensively shelled during the day, as usual. Intelligence Summary No. 72 for today attached.	
	16 th	3:30 am.	A party of from 45-60. Germans attempted to raid our trenches at N. 21. C. 8.9. at 3.30 a.m. They approached between two posts ^{held by 48th Bn.} & were driven off with the loss of 4 killed & several wounded. No casualties on our side. The enemy machine guns continuously except 'No Man's Land' as it was impossible to keep in the trenches till after dark, this evening. They had up identification marks, beyond a Prussian Cap. Marks were found on the ground where bodies had been dragged back to the enemy's lines. Situation otherwise normal.	app xxv
	Jan 17 th		The 1st Aus Pioneer (less 2 Coys) who have been working on the Nicholson Tunnel, were withdrawn today to repair the Dawson. The work as far as G.A.P. Trench is being continued by a party detailed by the 12th Aus Div Bde. The G.S.O. 1. visited the 4th Brigade. G.S.O. 2. visited the BAZENTIN HOUSE Trenches which are being worked by parties from the 13th Aus Div Bde. These chambers are intended to be from Divisional Headquarters & will take 20 days to complete the excavations and about another 2 weeks to complete the fitting up.	

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	Jan. 16 ^E	5 pm	Situation normal. Intelligence Summary No 73 for today attached. List of Artillery Targets to date attached. Weather. Wind N. 5-10 m.p.h. mainly overcast. Snow began after 10 pm. + snowed down + off during the night. Temperature by day 30° + by night 25° Fahr. after dark the 46" + 47" Batteries achieved the 45" + 48" T.B. in the right brigade in the line without a casualty. Reliefs are carried out by 2 Corps per Bn with the Specialists Group up to relieve 2 Corps in GAP + SWITCH trenches the day before + so are able to get up to the line soon after dark. The Heavy Artillery of the ANZAC covering us are reconstituted as follows: - 62nd H.A. Group. for Counter Battery Work. Composed of one 8", one 6" H.A. Batteries. Two 60 pr. Bys. one 4.7. as above. 73rd H.A. Group. ———— 1 ———— 1 ———— 3rd H.A. Group. Divisional Group. ———— one 9.2", one 8", one 6" H.A. Bys. One 9.2", one 8", one 6" H.A. Bys. as above. 14th H.A. Group. ———— 1 ———— 1 ———— as above. 69th H.A. Group. Long Range Group. ———— one 15" H.A. Two 12" H.A. Batteries. One 9.2" B.L. Gun. One 6" Mk VII Battery.	App. XXVI XXVII one 60 pr By. for each Bnp. is held off to each Div. Group. + is at the disposal of the higher when ever required. Each group is divided into 2 Sub-groups, one of which is allotted to each Div. Bn in the line.
	Jan. 17 ^E	5 am	Situation normal. Wind N. to N.E. 15-20 m.p.h. (all N. + N.E. winds are gas dangers winds + orders have been issued to take precautions accordingly). a little snow fell in the early morning, but otherwise fine all day but overcast - visibility indifferent. Temperature day 31° night 26° Fahr. About 2 inches of snow fell during the night. The G.O.C. + G.S.O. 1. attended a lecture at 4th Bde H.Q. on Heavy Artillery by Major Holland.	R.G.A.

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	1916 Jan 18 th		The G.O.C. visited BAZENTIN House tunnels and Camps. Major V.A.H. Sturdee, 5 th Aus. Div. Engineers is appointed O.F.S. C.R.E. of the Division, vice Lt Col. G.C.E. Elliot, R.E., evacuated Sick. Lieut Col. A.M. MARTYN, DSO, 1 st Aus. Div. Engrs. has been O.F.S. Situation. Normal. Intelligence Summary No 75 attached.	App XXX
	19 th	5 am	Situation normal. Wind E. 5-15 m.p.h., misty but visibility fair. Snow still lies on the ground. Day temperature 33°, night 25° Fahr. The G.O.C. & G.S.O. 2 visited POSSUM RESERVE. The G.S.O. (2) slept at 13 th Bde HQ & went round their front line during the early hours of the 20 th .	App XXXI
		5 pm	Situation normal. Daily Intelligence Summary No 76 attached.	
	20 th	5 am	Situation normal. Wind N.E. 20-25 m.p.h. overcast a frost. Keen frost, fair visibility. Temperature Day 26° night 15° Fahr. The G.S.O. 1 visited the intermediate Defence line during the day & the G.S.O. 3 visited the left of the front line before dawn. The G.O.C. visited the G.O.C., 5 th Aus. Div. on an night to discuss possible combined operations to capturing the enemy Salient in N. 21. D. It was, however, decided that owing to the difficulties of ground, our front line trenches not being continuous, it would be better for our Division to undertake the whole attack, "hopping off" from part of the 5 th Aus. Div. line. The 5 th Div. agreed to prepare any necessary assembly trenches & would cooperate by motor & m.g. fire. Divisional Order No 43 issued for the relief of the 12 th Brigade by the Right Sector of the line by the 4 th Brigade on the night of the 23 rd /24 th & 24 th /25 th Jan. The C.R.A. has issued orders for the re-organisation of the Divisional Artillery (under No G. 10/3 dated 22 nd inst) into 2 groups, pending the re-organisation into 6 gun batteries which will leave us with only the 10 th & 16 th A.F.A. and attached the 12 th A.F.A. Brigade (comprising troops Brigade) each brigade of 4 batteries each of 6 guns.	App XXXII
		5 pm	Situation normal. Two hostile planes flew low over GUEUDELCOURT at 2 pm. Intelligence Summary No 77 for today attached.	App XXXIII

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POMMIERS REDOUBT.	1917 Jan 21st	5 AM.	Situation normal. Snow still on the ground about 3" deep. Wind E-S.E. 10 m.p.h. Dry frost. Overcast, clearing towards night. Indifferent visibility. Temp Day 28°. Night 20°.	
		8 am.	Statement showing location of Units attached. 2nd Lt. HERMANNI, Intell. Corps, att ^d . 1st ANZAC, who has just completed a Course for Intelligence Officers, by instructions from G.H.Q., is posted to the Division to be attached to a Battalion in the line to gain experience. He was posted to the 4th Brigade who attached him to the 14th Bn, who go into the line on the 23 rd /24 th . (However he was evacuated South on the 23 rd inst.) The Ammunition H. Artillery bombarded BARLEY and TILL Trenches during the day.	App XXXIV
		5 pm	Situation normal. At 1.50 pm a hostile plane reported flying low over FLERS. and at 8.11 pm the 52nd Bn in front line of left Brigade reported a Zeppelin going west, half mile north of FLERS (but nobody else saw it !!).	
		8.20	12th Brigade reported that a Vickers gun, 12th M.G. Coy, at N.21. D. 44, SHINE Trench, was blown out by shell fire at 5 pm. 1 N.C.O. killed & 3 O.R.s wounded. Gun & limbers were replaced at once. Intelligence Summary No. 78, for today, attached.	App XXXV
		8.30	The G.S.O. 2 went up to the right of the front line with the Brigade Major of the 12th Brigade, going up by FATIGUE ALLEY, crossing NO MAN'S LAND & FRITZ FOLLEY, across again to the Poles near GOODWIN'S POST, CREAGE Trench & thence to SHINE Trench and back by EVE ALLEY. Patrolling in No man's land owing to the snow & continual enemy planes is very difficult. Arrangements are being made to try and suit of white clothing for patrols, on about after 4th Bde units on the 24 th .	
	22nd	AM 5.	Situation normal. Snow still on the ground. Roads clean & in very good order. Wind E. 10 m.p.h. morning fog. Keen frost. Temperature day 30°, night 20° 7th. The G.S.O. 1, proceeded by motor car to LA CHAUSSEE and lectured to the Divisional Infantry School on "Company & Platoon Officers in Open Warfare". Several of the Staff are lecturing this & next week, programme of these lectures attached. The G.O.C. attended a lecture at the 4th Brigade Headquarters on "Cooperation between Artillery and Infantry" by the C.R.A. Col. General Rosenthal.	App XXXVI App XXXVII

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	1916 Jan. 22 nd		A Trench wireless set has been established at N. 31. D. 6.9. and works with Corps Wireless Directing Station at S. 16. D. 82. This probably has been noticed by the enemy as he frequently shells this locality.	
		5 p.m.	Situation normal. Intelligence Summary No 79, for today, attached.	app XXXVII
	23 rd	5 a.m.	Situation normal. The snow still lies frozen on the ground. A clear bright cold day. Wind E or N.E. 15 m. p.h., dropping at night. Visibility poor. Ken frost. Temp. day 25°. night 10° Fah.	
		5 p.m.	Situation normal. There has been a good deal of aerial activity during the day on both sides. Several enemy planes, flying fast & very high came right over our lines & penetrated some distance inside. Our R.F.C. have obtained excellent aerial photos of the enemy lines in our front. The recent tracks of work on trenches & shell craters here & clearly defined in the snow. Daily Intelligence Summary No 80 attached.	app XXXVIII
	24 th	5 a.m.	Situation normal. Snow still frozen on the ground. Bright sunny day - no clouds. & bright starry night. New moon. Wind N.E. 20 m. p.h. Visibility only fair - always a haze over the snow these days. Day Temperature 20°-25°. Night 10°-15° Fah. The G.S.O. 2. moved to LA CHAUSSEE (35 miles) & lectured on "Offensive War" and "Counter-attacks" to the Div. Infantry School.	
		5 p.m.	Situation normal. Daily Intelligence Summary No 81 attached.	app XXXIX
		8.10.	The 4 th Aus Inf. Bde relieved the 12 th Aus Inf Bde in the right sector of the line. Relief completed by 8.10 p.m. The 12 th Bde lost 2 men killed coming out, by a "casual" shell. Otherwise no accidents. The line is now held as follows: -	
	25 th	5 a.m.	Situation Normal. Snow lies frozen on the ground. Bright frosty day & clear starry night. Wind E 10-15 m p.h. Indifferent visibility. Day Temperature 25°. night 15°-20° Fah.	
		P.m.	Statement showing disposition of units attached.	app XL

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	1917 Jan. 25 th	AM.	The G.S.O. 1. visited the intermediate line & H.G. positions with the new Corps H.G. Officer, Major Hoare. A.I.F. The G.S.O. 2. went up to the right of our front line with Bde. Gen. Brand to see the enemy position, which we propose to occupy at N. 21. D. 29 - N. 22. C. 1.8. From the post in GREASE Trench, which is only about 70 yards from the enemy line the Gen. - wire is clearly visible across the flat top of the hill. The enemy hold the edge of this spur. The wire seems to be thick, staked high - but our patrols report gaps in it. Two medium trench mortars belonging to the 5 th Aus Div, who will cooperate in this operation, are being dug into SHINE TRENCH. EVE AVENUE is at last clear of mud & water. 11.45 - Our Heavy Artillery bombarded the enemy lines in N. 21. A & N. 14. C and PORK and BARLEY Trenches between 11.45 ^{am} and 12.45 pm. There was a little rebarbation on GOODWINS POST with heamis & two 4.2. Shells fell in BULLS ROAD, causing 10 casualties. A good deal of aerial activity on both sides during the day. The Brigade Mining Platoons are employed as follows:- 4 th Brigade on CHALK CLIFF, GRASS LANE and CHEESE Road dugouts, and - NICHOLSONS Tunnel. (trimming). 12 th - - - - QUARRY Ammunition dugouts. 13 th - - - - Dugouts for Div. HQ at BAZENTIN House. - - - - HAY RESERVE.	
	26 th	5pm	Situation normal. Intelligence Summary No. 82 for today attached.	App. x L I
		5am	Situation normal. Snow lies frozen on the ground. Bright sunny day & clear starlight night. Wind E. 15 - 20 m.p.h. Day Temperature 30°. 15° - 20° Fahr. at night. The G.O.C. visited the front Area & Second line, this latter is in a very backward state & it appears that the Corps, who have been in charge of its work, have been able to do but very little on it. All works in Divisional Areas are now under Div. Signal Commanders. The G.S.O. 2. visited the 12 th Brigade at MAMETZ. The G.S.O. 3. visited the Divisional Observation Posts in the SWITCH Line.	
		5pm	Situation normal. Intelligence Summary No. 83 for today attached.	App. x L II

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POMMIERS REDOUBT	1917 Jan 24 th	5 am	Situation normal. Snow still lies frozen on the ground. Wind E. 25-35 m.p.h., increasing in gusts to 40-50. Bright sunny day, but visibility poor, bright starry night. Temp. day 25°-30°. Night 20°-25° Fahr. This morning the 29th Div. sent on the night of the 5th Aus Div. on our right attached a line of German trenches, a few hundred yards to their front, on a front of 2 Battalions, captured all their objectives and 395 prisoners, including P officers. Our casualties about 110. This led to a good deal of artillery re-education on the whole neighbouring front. The 5th Aus Div. Artillery fired a bombardment at 7 a.m. to co-operate with the 29th Div. sent on SUNRAY Trench & did good execution on the trenches. This we hope will be very useful for an operation in N. 21. D. due to take place in a few days. The G.S.O. 1. visited the Reserve line. General Bindwood has notified the G.O.C. that he does not wish both him and the G.S.O. 1. absent from Div. H.Q. at the same time.	
		4 pm	Demonstration with the new S.O.S. Signal, which is the form of a rifle grenade, which goes up to a height of over 150 feet and bursts into 2 red & 2 green stars. It is very fleeting and unless observers were looking in the direction is liable not to be seen. The material forming the colored lights, apparently made into balls, after bursts into mine then the correct number when fired. There were also 30% of duds. Return showing the location of units at 8 a.m. attached.	App XLIII
		5 pm	Situation normal. Our planes brought down two enemy planes today. One at 10:10 a.m. which fell in the 29th Div. area, to our right, and the other at 2:30 p.m. which had one wing shot off and fell along N. 20. in the German lines.	
		8.10 pm	The 49th Battalion, 13th Bde, relieved the 52nd Bn in the line, without casualty. The other two battalions also changed camps - vide location list. App XLV. Daily Intelligence Summary No. 84 attached.	App L. App XLIV.
	28 th	5 am	Situation normal. Snow still lies frozen on the ground. Wind E-NE. 20-30 m.p.h. with gusts of 40 m.p.h. Visibility indifferent. Temperature day 30° and night 15°-20° Fahr. Work on the NICHOLSON Tunnel, except for accommodation purposes, stopped. Statement showing the disposition of units, attached.	App XLV

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POMMIER'S REDOUBT	1917 Jan 28	noon	1st A.N.Z.A.C. H.Q. moved at HEILLY and opened at HENENCOURT CHATEAU. took over III Corps Front. The 1st Aus. Division relieved the 50th Division on our left today, D.H.Q. at FRICOURT. The 14th Heavy Artillery Group (Lt Colonel Rowan-Robinson. R.G.A. Cmdy) are now covering our front for ordinary counter battery work. The group consists of 3 howitzer batteries, one each of 6", 8" and 9.2". The G.O.C. visited POSSUM RESERVE. The G.S.O. 2. visited the Quarry Ammunition Tunnels. Situation normal. one of our planes was hit by hostile A.A. Shell and brought down in flames at 2.30 pm near POSSUM RESERVE. Intelligence Summary No P5, to date, attached. List of Artillery Targets No 2, prepared by the Intelligence Officer, attached. A copy of General Brand's proposals for the attack of the enemy Salient, CLOUDY Trench, in N.21.D. attached.	app. XLVI app. XLVII app. XLVIII
	29 th	5 am	Situation normal. Snow still lies frozen on the ground. Wind. N.E. 10-15 m.p.h. Temperature by day 25°-30°, by night 15° Fahr. Indifferent visibility. Haze.	app. XLIX
		8 am	Statement showing the location of units attached. The G.O.C. visited the G.O.C. 29th Division, in their recent operations they captured 393 prisoners. The G.S.O. 1. proceeded on 10 days leave to Ireland. Major H.G.M. McRae, G.S.O. 2. officiated as G.S.O. 1. in his absence.	
		5 pm	Situation. At noon enemy shelled trenches of the Centre Battalion, with aeroplanes spotting for them. We have repeatedly asked for an Anti Aircraft battery to be pushed forward to FLERS to deal with this daring enemy planes, who by flying low over our lines are a visible fire the nearest A.A. Battery at LONGUEVAL. Situation, otherwise, normal. Intelligence Summary No 86, to date, attached. During the evening a Vickers gun in N.21.3 was knocked out by a direct hit from a 5.9. and 3 of the crew killed.	app. L.
	30 th	5 am	Situation normal. Snow still lies frozen on the ground. Wind NE-N.W. 15-20 m.p.h. Fair visibility - Bright sunny day & starlight clear night. Temperature 20°-30° Fahr. a little snow fell early.	app. XLV

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
POMMIERS REDOUBT	1917 Jan 30 th		The G.S.O. 2. visited the Second and intermediate lines of Defence to see the tactical & defensive wiring which is progressing very well. Orders issued to the 4 th Australian Brigade to carry out the attack of the enemy's Salient, CLOUDY and STORMY Trenches from N. 22. C. 05 65 to N. 21. B. 30. (vide Major General Brand's report. App. XLVIII) vide Trench Map. N 21/22. attached.	App L I.
		1.35	From 1.35 - 1.45 am. on Heavy Artillery bombarded OAT LANE, N. 13. A. The O.C. 14 th H.A. group asked that special instructions be issued to the heavy during these bombardments to take cover as splinters from shells will fly 1000 yards or often further during this hard frosty weather. Instructions issued accordingly.	App L II.
		5 pm	Situation normal. Intelligence Summary No 87. attached	
	31 st	5 am	Situation normal. The snow lies frozen on the ground, which is frozen to a considerable depth & all digging is very slow and difficult. Pick heads become quickly blunted. Wind N.N.E. 15-20 m.p.h. Visibility in the 5-10 ft. Temperature. 30° - 30° by day, falling to 25° - 20° by night.	
			The G.O.C. visited the Advanced Dressing Station with the A.D.M.S.	
			The G.S.O. 3. visited Brigade Headquarters in DELVILLE VALLEY and BULLS ROAD.	
			Major General White B.G.G.S. 1st Ammunition visited the G.O.C. with reference to the pending operations. The Heavy & Field Artillery carried out preliminary bombardments under cover of which from trench mortars (machines) 2 for each 4 x A and 5 x A batteries cut wire.	
		5 pm	Situation. Owing to the good visibility the enemy continually shelled the "duck walks" and Decauville railway, N.E. of Delville Valley, throughout the day. A few casualties were reported. Otherwise, situation normal. Intelligence Summary No 88, to date, attached.	App L III
			On casualties for the last 23 days, i.e. from the 9 th to 31 st inst (both inclusive) is killed. 2 officers 78 O.Rs. Wounded. 6 officers 210 other Ranks. Missing 2 O.Rs. which works out at an average of 3.56 killed and missing and 9.48 wounded, or a total of 13 casualties in the Division per day.	

H. G. McRae Major
45th Licks.
G.S. 4th Australian Division.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RIBEMONT	
13th Battalion		"	
14th Battalion		"	
15th Battalion		S. 12.b.3.7.	2 Coys. QUARRY.
16th Battalion		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		"	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		"	
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		FRANVILLERS	
45th Battalion		"	
46th Battalion		LA HOUSOYE	
47th Battalion		"	
48th Battalion		FRANVILLERS	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		LA HOUSOYE	
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		VAUX	
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		VIGNACOURT	
49th Battalion		LA CHAUSSEE	
50th Battalion		ST VAST	
51st Battalion		VIGNACOURT	
52nd Battalion		"	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		"	
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		"	
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS	A. 1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6.c.15.3.	
11th " "		M. 30.a.8.0.	
12th " "		S. 16.d.4.7.	
24th " "		NAOURS	
V. 4.A. H.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
X. 4.A. M.T.M. Bty		VAUX	
Y. 4.A. M.T.M. Bty		ALBERT	
Z. 4.A. M.T.M. Bty		ALBERT	
Div. Ammunition Column	1 Sec. NAOURS.	S. 27.b.0.9.	
Ammunition Sub-Park		D. 17.d.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS	A. 1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy.		S. 22.d. central.	
2nd " " "		VIGNACOURT	
3rd " " "		MAMETZ	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15.d.2.0.	
Divisional Train H.Q.			
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th " "		E. 11. central.	
26th " "			
27th " "			
Supply Column		VIGNACOURT	
Railhead			
Pack Transport Troop		-----	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance	VIGNACOURT, FRANVILLERS and RIBEMONT.		
12th " "	BECORDEL		
13th " "	S. 21.d.3.8.		
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.	E. 10.b.		
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.	BELLEVUE FARM.		

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Major-General
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RIBEMONT	
13th Battalion		"	
14th "		"	
15th "		"	
16th "		"	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		"	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		"	
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		DERNANCOURT	
45th Battalion		"	
46th "		"	
47th "		"	
48th "		"	
12th M.G. Coy.		"	
12th L.T.M. Bty.		"	
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RAINNEVILLE	
49th Battalion		COISY	
50th "		CARDONETTE	
51st "		RAINNEVILLE	
52nd "		RAINNEVILLE	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		"	
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		"	
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS	A. 1. b. 6. 3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6. c. 53.	
11th "		M. 30. a. 80	
12th "		S. 16. d. 47	
24th "		NADURS	
V. 4. A. H.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
X. 4. A. "		VAUX	
Y. 4. A. "		ALBERT	
Z. 4. A. "		ALBERT	
Div. Ammunition Column	1 Sec. NADURS	S. 27. b. 0. 9.	
Ammunition Sub-Park		D. 7. d.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS	A. 1. b. 6. 3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy		S. 22. d. central	
12th "		VIGNACOURT	
13th "		MAMETZ.	
4th Aus. Signal Coy		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 16. d. 20	
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>		E. 11. Central	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		DERNANCOURT	
7th "		"	
26th "		"	
27th "		"	
Supply Column		"	
Railhead		VIGNACOURT	
Pack Transport Troop		RAINNEVILLE, DERNANCOURT, RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. Field Ambulances		BECORDEL	
12th "		S. 21. d. 8. 8.	
13th "		E. 10. b	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		522 c 76.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.			

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Commanding 4th AUS. DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS
<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RIBEMONT	
13th Battalion		"	
14th Battalion		"	
15th Battalion		S.12.b.3.7.	2 Coys at QUARRY.
16th Battalion		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		"	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		"	
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		DERNANCOURT	
45th Battalion		"	
46th Battalion		"	
47th Battalion		"	
48th Battalion		"	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		LA CHAUSSEE	
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		BUIRE	
49th Battalion		"	
50th Battalion		"	
51st Battalion		"	
52nd Battalion		"	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		"	
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S.6.c.5.3.	
11th " "		M.30.a.8.0.	
12th " "		S.16.d.4.7.	
24th " "		NAOURS	
V.4.A. H.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
X.4.A. M.T.M. Bty		VAUX	
Y.4.A. M.T.M. Bty		ALBERT	
Z.4.A. M.T.M. Bty		"	
Div. Ammunition Column	1 Sec. NAOURS.	S.27.b.0.9.	
Ammunition Sub-Park		D.17.d.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy.		S.22.d. central.	
12th " " "		VIGNACOURT	
13th " " "		MAMETZ	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S.15.d.2.0.	
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>		E.11. central.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th " "		n DERNANCOURT.	
26th " "		BUIRE	
27th " "		RIBEMONT-MERICOURT.	
Supply Column			
Railhead			
<u>Pack Transport Troop</u>			
4th Aus. Field Ambulance	RIBEMONT	DERNANCOURT and BUIRE.	
12th " "		BECORDEL	
13th " "		S.21.d.3.8.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E.10.b.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		S.22.c.7.6.	

8 A.M. 5th Jan. 1917.

Stanley Rogers
Major-General
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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SECRET4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 42.Headquarters,
4th January 1917.Reference Map 1/40,000.

1. The 4th Australian Division will relieve the 1st Australian Division in the Left Sector of the Corps front, as per table overleaf.
2. All arrangements for relief of Brigades in the Line will be made by Brigadiers direct. Command of each Sector will be transferred on completion of relief.
3. Brigades will come under the orders of the 1st Australian Division as soon as they enter the forward area.
4. (a) Troops moving forward will march via MEAULTE - F.7.c.8.3 Cross Roads at F.1.d.9.0. and will be clear of F.7.c.8.3. by 11.30 A.M.
(b) The following intervals will be maintained on the road :
100 yards between Companies
200 yards between Battalions
200 yards between Transport of each Unit.
(c) East of FRICOURT, troops will move in file.
5. 12th Aus. Field Ambulance will move forward to the Advanced Dressing Station on the 7th, and relieve the 3rd Aus. Field Ambulance. The Bearers of the 4th and 13th Aus. Field Ambulances will move up to FRICOURT and HANETZ with and under the orders of their respective Brigades, and go forward to the Advanced Dressing Station on the following day.
6. (a) C.R.A. 4th Aus. Division will take over from the C.R.A. 1st Aus. Division at 11 A.M. on the 10th.
(b) G.O.C. 4th Aus. Division will take over command of the Left Sector at 11 A.M. on the 9th.
7. Further instructions regarding camps for Transport etc. will be issued by "Q".

8. Acknowledge.

D. J. Bernard.
Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued at 9.30 P.M.

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	22)	
	23)	1st ANZAC.
	24)	
	25	3rd Squadron R.F.C.
	26	1st Aus. Division
	27	2nd Aus. Division
	28	50th Division.

H.Q.
4TH AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.

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TABLE OF MOVES

Date	UNIT	From	To	REMARKS
Jan. 5th	12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	DERNANCOURT	FRICOURT	
6th	13th Aus. Inf. Bde Bearer Div. 13th Fd Amb.	BUIRE	FRICOURT	
	12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	FRICOURT	BERNAFAY (A. & B.) (TOWNSVILLE & BRISBANE) NEW CARLTON A. (HOBART) BAZENTIN C. (COOLGARDIE) SWITCH & GAP TRENCHES (Right Sector)	Position of Bde. H.Q. 12th Aus. Inf. Bde. on 6th will be notified them by 1st Aus. Division. Battalion moves into SWITCH & GAP Trenches after dusk.
	2 Sections Pack Transport Troop.	BUIRE	MONTAUBAN	
7th	A. Battalion 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. (Less 15th Battalion) Bearer Div. 4th Fd Amb.	FRICOURT RIBEMONT	NEW CARLTON A. MAMETZ S.2.	
	2 Secs. Pack Transport Troop. 15th Field Ambulance	BUIRE RECORDEL	MONTAUBAN Advanced Dressing Stn.	
7/8th	12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	Reserve Camps	Front Line (Right)	March at 9 A.M. In relief of 1st Aus. Inf. Bde. Battn. at BERNAFAY (A. & B.) stands fast.
8th 8/9th	13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	FRICOURT & NEW CARLTON A.	Front Line (Left)	In relief of 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde. (1 Battn. in Line. Half SWITCH TRENCH, Half NEW CARLTON B. (LAUNCESTON)). 1 Battn. NEW CARLTON A. 1 Battn. BAZENTIN B (BENDIGO).
9th	4th Aus. Div. H.Q.	RIBEMONT	POMMIERS REDOU	Opens at 11 A.M.

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4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RIBEMONT	
13th Battalion		"	
14th "		"	
15th "		S. 12. b. 3. 7.	2 Coy. at QUARRY
16th "		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		"	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		"	
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	62.D.	F. 3. b. 8. 3.	
45th Battalion		F. 2 c. 4. 0.	
46th "	}	F. 8 a. 3. 8	
47th "		F. 3 b. 8. 3	
48th "		F. 8 a. 3. 8.	
12th M.G. Coy.	}		
12th L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			
49th Battalion	}	BUIRE.	
50th "			
51st "			
52nd "			
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS.	A. 1. b. 6. 3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6 c. 5. 3.	
11th " "		M. 30. a. 8. 0.	
12th " "		S. 16. d. 4. 7	
24th " "		NAOURS	
V. 4. A. E.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
X. 4. A. " "		VALUX	
Y. 4. A. " "		ALBERT	
Z. 4. A. " "		"	
<u>Div. Ammunition Column</u>	1 Sec at NAOURS.	S. 27 b. 0. 9	
<u>Ammunition Sub-Park</u>		D. 17 d.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS.	A. 1. b. 6. 3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy		S. 22 d. (Central)	
12th "		VIGNACOURT	
13th "		MAMETZ.	
4th Aus. Signal Coy		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15. d. 2. 0.	
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>		ALBERT.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	62.D.	E. 12.	
7th "		EDGEHILL	
26th "		BUIRE	
27th "		RIBEMONT, BUIRE	
Supply Column		BE CORDEL.	
Railhead		S. 21. a. 3. 8.	
Pack Transport Troop		E. 10. b.	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance		S. 22. c. 7. 6.	
12th "			
13th "			
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.			
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.			

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Commanding 4th AUS. DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

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13th Battalion		RIBEMONT	
14th Battalion		RIBEMONT	
15th Battalion		S. 12.b.3.7.	2 Coys at QUARRY.
16th Battalion		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		RIBEMONT	
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		BERNAFAY A (BRISBANE)	
45th Battalion		NEW CARLTON "A" Camp (HOBART)	
46th Battalion		SWITCH and GAP TRENCHES	
47th Battalion		Camps at BERNAFAY A & B (BRISBANE)	
48th Battalion		BAZENTIN "C" (COOLGARDIE) (TOWNSVILLE)	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		BERNAFAY "B" (TOWNSVILLE)	
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		F. 3.b.7.2.	
49th Battalion		F. 2.c.3.0.	
50th Battalion		F. 8.a.4.9.	
51st Battalion		F. 2.c.4.2.	
52nd Battalion		F. 8.a.3.9.	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		F. 2.c.4.2.	
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		F. 2.c.4.2.	
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS	A. 1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6.c.5.3.	
11th " "		M. 30.a.8.0.	
12th " "		S. 16.d.4.7.	
24th " "		NAOURS	
V. 4.A. H.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
X. 4.A. M.T.M. Bty		VAUX	
Y. 4.A. M.T.M. Bty		ALBERT	
Z. 4.A. M.T.M. Bty		ALBERT	
Div. Ammunition Column	1 Sec. at NAOURS.	S. 27.b.0.9.	
Ammunition Sub-Park		D. 17.d.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS	A. 1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy.		S. 22.d. central.	
12th " " "		VIGNACOURT	
13th " " "		MAMETZ	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15.d.2.0.	
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>		ALBERT	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th " "			
26th " "	62.D.	E. 12.	
27th " "			
Supply Column		ALBERT	
Railhead			
Pack Transport Troop	BUIRE.	2 Secs MONTAUBAN.	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance		RIBEMONT	
12th " "		BECORDEL	
13th " "		S. 21.d.3.8.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E. 10.b.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		S. 22.c.7.6.	

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Major-General
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1740,000	REMARKS
<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>		<u>RIBE MONT</u>	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		<u>MAMETZ Bde Camp</u>	
13th Battalion			
14th "		S. 12. b. 3-7.	2 Co. QUARRY
15th "			
16th "		<u>MAMETZ Bde Camp.</u>	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		S. 12. b. 8-8.	Right Bn. in Line
45th Battalion		N. 26. C. 8-1.	SWITCH and CAPTRENCHES
46th "		T. 1. C. 4-6.	BRISBANE TOWNVILLE
47th "		BERNACAY ("A" & "B")	Left Bn. in Line
48th "		N. 31. b. 8-2.	
12th M.G. Coy.		S. 12. b. 8-8.	
12th L.T.M. Bty.		S. 12. b. 3-7.	
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		F. 3. b. 7-2.	
49th Battalion		F. 2. C. 3-0.	
50th "		NEW CARLTON "A"	
51st "		F. 2. C. 4-2.	
52nd "		F. 8. a. 3-9.	2 Coys New CARLTON "A"
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		F. 2. C. 4-2.	
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		F. 2. C. 4-7.	
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>			
10th A.F.A. Brigade			
11th "			
12th "			
24th "			
V.4.A. H.T.M. Bty.			
X.4.A. "			
Y.4.A. "			
Z.4.A. "			
Div. Ammunition Column			
Ammunition Sub-Park			
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>			
4th Aus. Field Coy			
12th "			
13th "			
4th Aus. Signal Coy			
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.			
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>			
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th "			
26th "			
27th "			
Supply Column			
Railhead			
Pack Transport Troop		<u>MONTAUBAN.</u>	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance			
12th "			
13th "			
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.			
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.			

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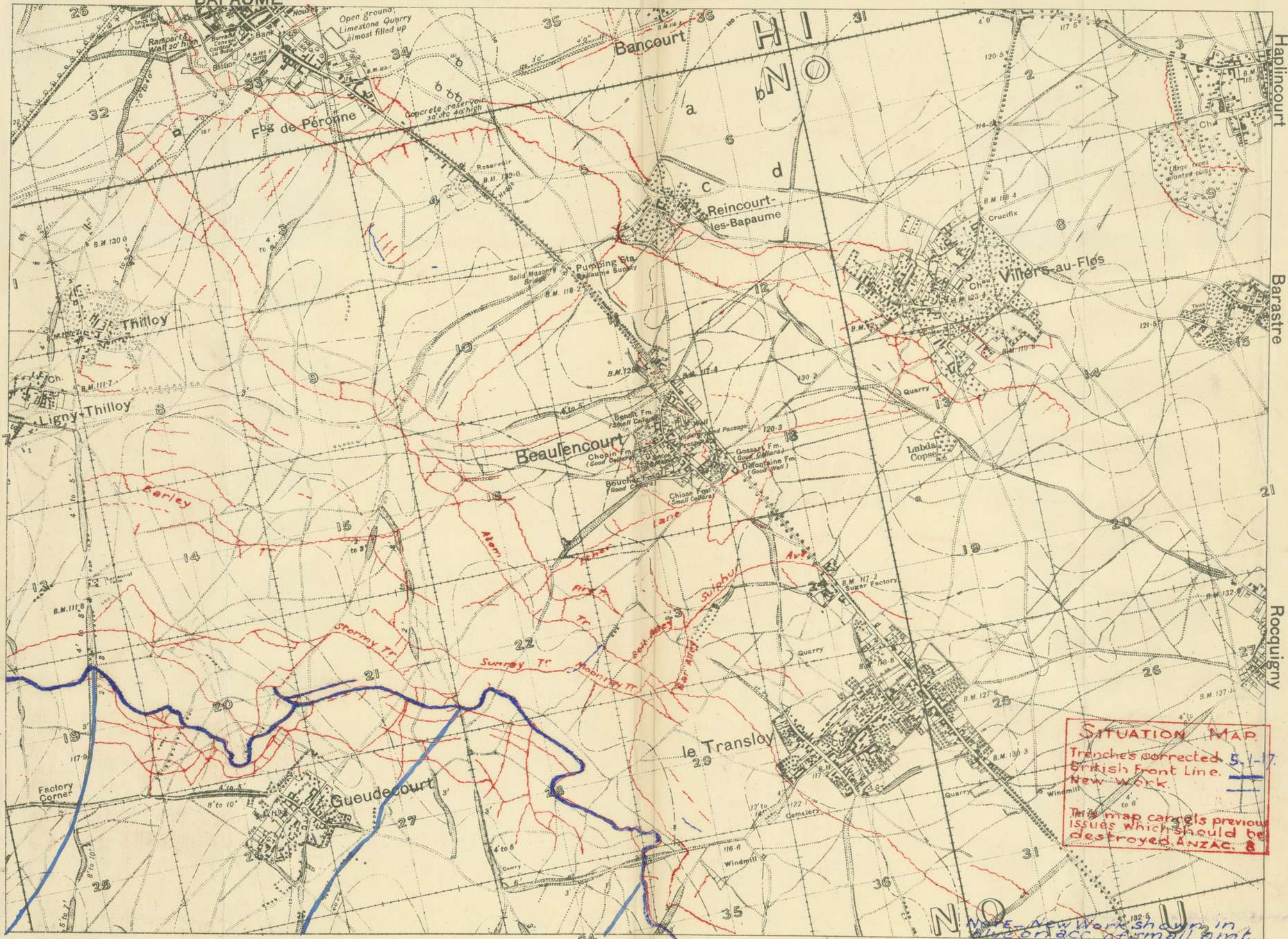
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BAPAUME

TRENCH MAP. FOURTH ARMY FRONT. MAP L.



SITUATION MAP.
Trenches corrected 5.1.17.
British Front Line.
New work.
This map cancels previous issues which should be destroyed. ANZAC. 8

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Metres 1000 500 0

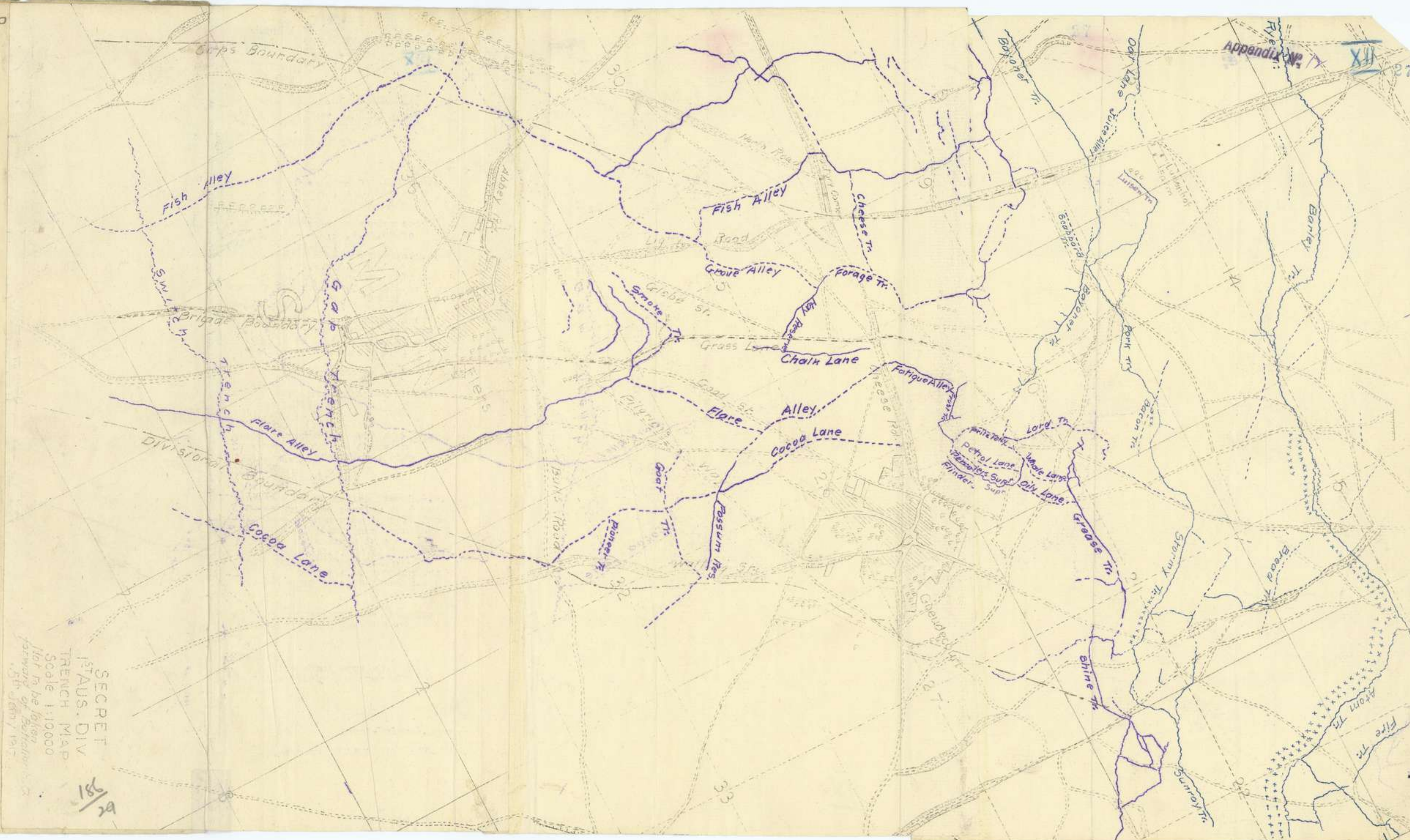
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3000 Yards

Ordnance Survey, December, 1916.

3000 Metres



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1st AUS. DIV
TRENCH MAP
Scale 1:10000
Not to be taken
forward of Battalion
5th Jan 1917

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 60.

From 6 A.M. 8th January 1917 to 6 A.M. 9th January 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line

Our Operations.

Artillery - Our covering Artillery carried out the usual barrages. In addition, between 11 A.M. and noon, and between 2 and 4 P.M. SCABBARD, LUISEN and STORMY TRENCHES were shelled by our "Heavies".

Machine Guns - Indirect fire was carried on during the night on targets in N.15.d. and on roads from N.13.d.55.40 to N.13.d.75.85. and from N.14.d.0.5. to N.21.a.3.9.

Patrols - A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men left N.21.c.2.8. at 9 P.M. working up and along ridge at N.21.a.5.4. to SUNKEN ROAD and returned at 10.20 P.M. Going out at 10.45 P.M. this patrol worked its way along embankment at N.20.b.6.0. until close to LARD TRENCH and remained for 20 minutes. Another patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men left FROST TRENCH at N.20.c.7.5. and proceeded to BAYONET TRENCH at N.20.d.0.8. and worked along this Trench to HILT TRENCH at N.20.d.3.7. From here they struck across to LARD TRENCH and worked along it to N.20.d.5.8., thence back to SUNKEN ROAD and on to FRITZ FOLLY. No enemy patrols were encountered by either of these patrols.

Work - Work was done on Front Line in revetting and cleaning, and pumping water out of trenches. Work was also done on FORAGE TRENCH and EVE ALLEY. Work was continued on the dug-outs in CHALK CLIFF, GRASS LANE and WATLING STREET.

Enemy Patrols.

Two enemy patrols, each consisting of 2 men were seen for short periods at N.21.a.7.5. An enemy patrol of 4 men seen working parallel to our lines at N.21.d.0.8. disappeared when fired on.

Enemy Movement.

At 10.25 A.M. a party of 3 men were seen moving from N.9.a. in direction of BEAULENCOURT. At 11.55 A.M. two parties of 6 and 8 men each carrying packs and rifles were seen moving in file from N.9.d. in direction of BEAULENCOURT. At 1.5 P.M. enemy working parties of 7 and 8 men were seen carrying duckboards from N.11 central till they disappeared in hollow at N.10.c. At 1.55 P.M. a small party was observed working on SUNKEN ROAD in N.7.d. At 1.5 P.M. a train was seen in N.12. central, moving in direction of VILLERS-AU-FLOS.

Enemy Shelling.

Throughout the morning FLERS and GUEUDECOURT were heavily shelled. GRASS LANE, CHALK LANE and CHEESE ROAD were intermittently shelled during the day.

Enemy Aircraft.

Enemy Aeroplanes were fairly active about noon and again in the afternoon. Several of these flew fairly low over our lines until driven back by A.A. fire.

Stanley Rogers
Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1:40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters	POMMIERS REBOURT	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		MAMETZ CAMP	
13th Battalion		MAMETZ CAMP, 2 Coys QUARRY Sigs. 1 Coy MONTAUBAN	
14th Battalion		ALBURY (BAPTISTIN)	
15th Battalion			
16th Battalion		MAMETZ CAMP	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		S.12.b.8.8.	D. Division
45th Battalion		N.22.3.0.1	Right Bn. in Line.
46th Battalion		T.1.c.1.5.	SWITCH & GAP TRENCHES
47th Battalion		BRIERLEY & TOWNVILLE (BERNAFAY "A")	
48th Battalion		N.31.b.3.2.	Left Bn. in Line (& "B")
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		S.12.b.8.8.	S. 6. D. 8.1.
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		S.12.b.6.2.	
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		S.12.b.7.8.	
49th Battalion		ROBERT (NEW CARLTON "A")	
50th Battalion		N.31.b.3.1.	In Line.
51st Battalion		BENDIGO (BAPTISTIN "B")	
52nd Battalion		LAURISTON (NEW CARLTON B) 1/2 in Capt.	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		N.31.a.1.3.	(SWITCH Trenches)
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		S.22.1.1.1.	BENDIGO.
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S.6.c.5.3.	
11th A.F.A. Brigade		M.30.a.8.0.	
12th A.F.A. Brigade		S.16.d.4.7.	
24th A.F.A. Brigade		NAOURS.	
V.4.A. H.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
X.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.		VAUX	
Y.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
Z.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.			
Div. Ammunition Column		1 Sec. NAOURS	
Ammunition Sub-Park		S.27.b.0.9.	
		D.17.d.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy.		S.22.d. central.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		FRICOURT	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		MAMETZ	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S.22.b.9.1.	(DARWIN).
Divisional Train H.Q.		ALBERT	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		E.12.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
Supply Column.		ALBERT	
Railhead.		MONTAUBAN.	
Pack Transport Troop.			
4th Aus. Field Ambulance		MAMETZ	
12th Aus. Field Ambulance		Advanced Dressing Station, BERNAFAY	
13th Aus. Field Ambulance		S.12.d.3.8.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E.10.b.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		S.12.c.7.6.	

Major-General.

Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 67.

From 6 A.M. 9th January 1917 to 6 A.M. 10th January 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line

Operations.

Artillery - Our guns were active during the day on BACON and STORMY TRENCHES. At points N.20.b.2.7., N.20.b.5.9., N.20.b.7.8. and N.20.b.9.8. shells were particularly well placed.
Machine Guns - The usual indirect fire was maintained throughout the night.
Patrols -

Strength	Points & Times of Departure and Return.	Route Taken	Conclusion
1 Off. & 3 O.R.	N.19.b.1.7. at 9.5 P.M. Return. N.20.c.1.8. at 10.55 P.M.	Travelled due East, crossing gully in front of our lines.	
1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R.	N.20.c.1.8. at 9.45 P.M. Return. at 12.30 A.M.	SUNKEN ROAD at N.21.a.0.4. Then circled round GOODWINS POST. Visited LARD TRENCH at N.20.b.5.2. Enemy were heard hammering at N.20.b.8.7. Large coils of wire were seen on embankment opposite LARD TRENCH but no enemy were seen.	
1 N.C.O. & 4 O.R.	HILT TRENCH at 9.30 P.M. Returned at 12.5 A.M.	Along HILT TRENCH to N.20.d.1.8., thence along gully and back to bottom of FRITZ FOLLY.	This patrol has operated for 3 successive nights and is of the opinion that there are no enemy within 500 yards of FRITZ FOLLY.

Enemy Activity.

Artillery - Enemy shelling was slightly below normal. FLERS, GREASE TRENCH, GRASS LANE, HAY RESERVE, BULLS ROAD and SMOKE TRENCH were intermittently shelled. Our Battery positions in M.30.c. were shelled during the night and again from 10 A.M. to 11.30 A.M., when some damage was done. From 1 P.M. to 1.25 P.M. FRITZ FOLLY was heavily shelled with 15 c.m. but the damage done was slight.

Defences. - Enemy Strong Points are suspected at N.20.b.2.9. and N.21.b.3.0. A large mound of earth is visible at N.20.b.9.5. New work is suspected at N.21.b.3.2.

Movement - Between 7.30 and 9 A.M. several small parties were observed behind ridge at N.20.b.9.8. Men were observed in pairs carrying boards at N.20.a.8.8. An enemy party of 10 observed at 9 P.M. from N.21.c.1.8. were dispersed by L.M.G. fire. At 7 P.M. great cheering and shouting was heard in enemy lines at N.21.b.2.2.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.	
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Bombs - The enemy fired "pineapple" bombs into our trenches at N.21.d.3.4. These apparently came from N.21.d.7.6.

Lights - A rocket fired in vicinity of N.21.a.6.8. burst into dozens of different colour stars. No action followed.

Stanley Rogers, Lieut.
for. Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Front of our lines.
organizing fully in
regarded the East.

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seen on embankment
opposite LARD TRENCH
but no enemy were seen

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aggressive nights
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This patrol has

Along with Trench to
N. 30. 4. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102. 103. 104. 105. 106. 107. 108. 109. 110. 111. 112. 113. 114. 115. 116. 117. 118. 119. 120. 121. 122. 123. 124. 125. 126. 127. 128. 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 134. 135. 136. 137. 138. 139. 140. 141. 142. 143. 144. 145. 146. 147. 148. 149. 150. 151. 152. 153. 154. 155. 156. 157. 158. 159. 160. 161. 162. 163. 164. 165. 166. 167. 168. 169. 170. 171. 172. 173. 174. 175. 176. 177. 178. 179. 180. 181. 182. 183. 184. 185. 186. 187. 188. 189. 190. 191. 192. 193. 194. 195. 196. 197. 198. 199. 200. 201. 202. 203. 204. 205. 206. 207. 208. 209. 210. 211. 212. 213. 214. 215. 216. 217. 218. 219. 220. 221. 222. 223. 224. 225. 226. 227. 228. 229. 230. 231. 232. 233. 234. 235. 236. 237. 238. 239. 240. 241. 242. 243. 244. 245. 246. 247. 248. 249. 250. 251. 252. 253. 254. 255. 256. 257. 258. 259. 260. 261. 262. 263. 264. 265. 266. 267. 268. 269. 270. 271. 272. 273. 274. 275. 276. 277. 278. 279. 280. 281. 282. 283. 284. 285. 286. 287. 288. 289. 290. 291. 292. 293. 294. 295. 296. 297. 298. 299. 300. 301. 302. 303. 304. 305. 306. 307. 308. 309. 310. 311. 312. 313. 314. 315. 316. 317. 318. 319. 320. 321. 322. 323. 324. 325. 326. 327. 328. 329. 330. 331. 332. 333. 334. 335. 336. 337. 338. 339. 340. 341. 342. 343. 344. 345. 346. 347. 348. 349. 350. 351. 352. 353. 354. 355. 356. 357. 358. 359. 360. 361. 362. 363. 364. 365. 366. 367. 368. 369. 370. 371. 372. 373. 374. 375. 376. 377. 378. 379. 380. 381. 382. 383. 384. 385. 386. 387. 388. 389. 390. 391. 392. 393. 394. 395. 396. 397. 398. 399. 400. 401. 402. 403. 404. 405. 406. 407. 408. 409. 410. 411. 412. 413. 414. 415. 416. 417. 418. 419. 420. 421. 422. 423. 424. 425. 426. 427. 428. 429. 430. 431. 432. 433. 434. 435. 436. 437. 438. 439. 440. 441. 442. 443. 444. 445. 446. 447. 448. 449. 450. 451. 452. 453. 454. 455. 456. 457. 458. 459. 460. 461. 462. 463. 464. 465. 466. 467. 468. 469. 470. 471. 472. 473. 474. 475. 476. 477. 478. 479. 480. 481. 482. 483. 484. 485. 486. 487. 488. 489. 490. 491. 492. 493. 494. 495. 496. 497. 498. 499. 500. 501. 502. 503. 504. 505. 506. 507. 508. 509. 510. 511. 512. 513. 514. 515. 516. 517. 518. 519. 520. 521. 522. 523. 524. 525. 526. 527. 528. 529. 530. 531. 532. 533. 534. 535. 536. 537. 538. 539. 540. 541. 542. 543. 544. 545. 546. 547. 548. 549. 550. 551. 552. 553. 554. 555. 556. 557. 558. 559. 560. 561. 562. 563. 564. 565. 566. 567. 568. 569. 570. 571. 572. 573. 574. 575. 576. 577. 578. 579. 580. 581. 582. 583. 584. 585. 586. 587. 588. 589. 590. 591. 592. 593. 594. 595. 596. 597. 598. 599. 600. 601. 602. 603. 604. 605. 606. 607. 608. 609. 610. 611. 612. 613. 614. 615. 616. 617. 618. 619. 620. 621. 622. 623. 624. 625. 626. 627. 628. 629. 630. 631. 632. 633. 634. 635. 636. 637. 638. 639. 640. 641. 642. 643. 644. 645. 646. 647. 648. 649. 650. 651. 652. 653. 654. 655. 656. 657. 658. 659. 660. 661. 662. 663. 664. 665. 666. 667. 668. 669. 670. 671. 672. 673. 674. 675. 676. 677. 678. 679. 680. 681. 682. 683. 684. 685. 686. 687. 688. 689. 690. 691. 692. 693. 694. 695. 696. 697. 698. 699. 700. 701. 702. 703. 704. 705. 706. 707. 708. 709. 710. 711. 712. 713. 714. 715. 716. 717. 718. 719. 720. 721. 722. 723. 724. 725. 726. 727. 728. 729. 730. 731. 732. 733. 734. 735. 736. 737. 738. 739. 740. 741. 742. 743. 744. 745. 746. 747. 748. 749. 750. 751. 752. 753. 754. 755. 756. 757. 758. 759. 760. 761. 762. 763. 764. 765. 766. 767. 768. 769. 770. 771. 772. 773. 774. 775. 776. 777. 778. 779. 780. 781. 782. 783. 784. 785. 786. 787. 788. 789. 790. 791. 792. 793. 794. 795. 796. 797. 798. 799. 800. 801. 802. 803. 804. 805. 806. 807. 808. 809. 810. 811. 812. 813. 814. 815. 816. 817. 818. 819. 820. 821. 822. 823. 824. 825. 826. 827. 828. 829. 830. 831. 832. 833. 834. 835. 836. 837.

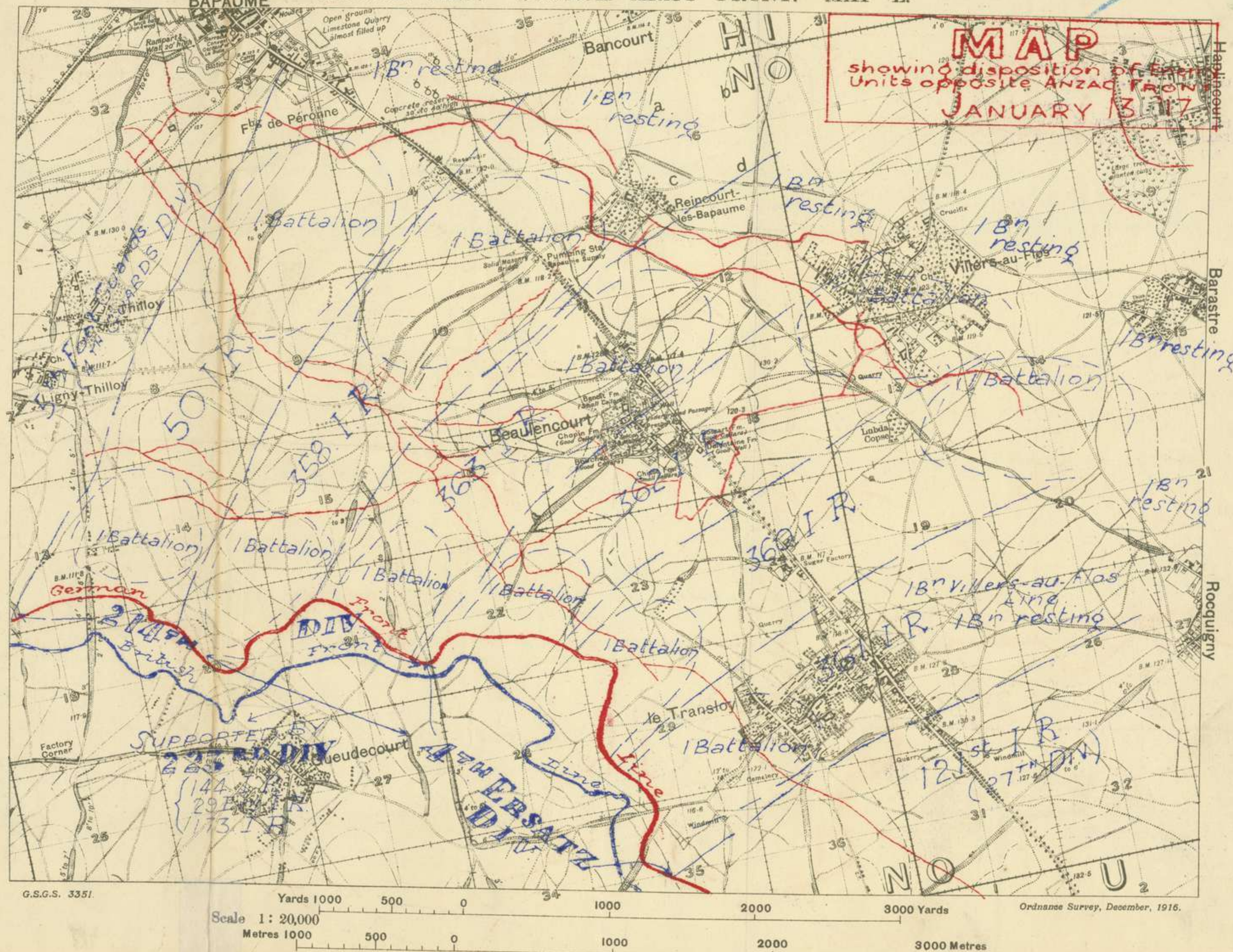
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MAP

showing disposition of Enemy Units opposite ANZAC FRONT

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1:40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		MAMETZ CAMP	
13th Battalion	MAMETZ CAMP	2 Coys QUARRY Sdg. 1 Coy MONTAUBAN	
14th Battalion		ALBURY (BAZENTIN)	
15th Battalion	)		
16th Battalion	)	MAMETZ CAMP	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	)		
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.	)		
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		S.12.b.8.8.	
45th Battalion		N.26.d.0.2. Right Bn. in Line.	
46th Battalion		T.1.c.1.5. SWITCH & GAP TRENCHES.	
47th Battalion		BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE (BERNAFAY "A")	
48th Battalion		N.31.b.5.2. Left Bn. in Line (& "B")	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		S.6.d.8.1.	
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		S.12.b.6.2.	
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		S.12.b.7.8.	
49th Battalion		HOBART (NEW CARLTON "A")	
50th Battalion		N.31.b.3.1. In Line.	
51st Battalion		BENDIGO (BAZENTIN "B")	
52nd Battalion		LAUNCESTON (NEW CARLTON B) 1/2 in GAP	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		N.31.a.1.3. (& SWITCH TRENCHES	
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		BENDIGO	
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S.6.c.5.3.	
11th A.F.A. Brigade		M.30.c.9.2.	
12th A.F.A. Brigade		S.16.d.4.7.	
24th A.F.A. Brigade		BUIRE	to wagon lines on 11" track 12"
V.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
X.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.		M.30.d.	
Y.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.		FREMONT T.M. School.	
Z.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.		QUARRY DUMP	
Div. Ammunition Column		D.29.a.5.2.	
Ammunition Sub-Park		D.17.d.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy.		MELBOURNE CAMP	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		BULLS ROAD	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		S.17 central.	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S.21.b.9.6. (DARWIN)	
Divisional Train H.Q.		ALBERT	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	)		
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.	)	E.12.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	)		
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.	)		
Supply Column.		ALBERT	
Railhead.		MONTAUBAN	
Pack Transport Troop.		BECORDEL Main Dressing Station.	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance		S.22.d.9.6.	
12th Aus. Field Ambulance		S.21.d.4.6.	
13th Aus. Field Ambulance		E.10.b.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		S.12.c.7.6.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.			

8 A.M. 11th Jan 1917

Major-General.
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 68

From 6 A.M. 10th January 1917 to 6 A.M. 11th January 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line

Our Operations.

Artillery - At 7 A.M. an 18 pdr Battery fired 64 rounds searching and sweeping N.15.c. At 11.40 A.M. movement was seen in N.14.b.8.2. Fire on this point by 18 pdrs stopped any further movement. Between 10 A.M. and noon our Heavies shelled SCABBARD TRENCH when considerable damage was done. At 4.15 P.M. enemy line from N.20.b.3.8. to N.20.a.4.9. was effectively shelled by our Heavies. At 4.30 P.M. a party of about 40 Germans was seen to run along the parapet between these points. The Heavies opened and got right in amongst them. Owing to smoke etc. the effect could not be observed.

Machine Guns - Indirect fire was brought to bear on the road from N.13.d.6.4. to N.13.b.7.8. and on points N.20.a.1.9. and N.13.d.7.9.

Patrols -

Strength	Departure and Return	Route taken	Conclusion
1 N.C.O. & 2 men	N.20.c.8.5. at 10 P.M. Returned at N.19.b.6.5. at 12.40.	East for 200 yards then turned north until close to BAYONET TRENCH, then worked to left.	Enemy in BAYONET TRENCH is on the alert as flares are continuously sent up from N.13.d.5.3. and N.20.a.3.8.
1 N.C.O. & 3 men	N.21.c.1.8. at 11.45 P.M. Returned at 1.10 A.M.	Worked close to STORMY TRENCH and along this to SUNKEN ROAD. Sawing was heard at N.21.a.70.75. Then along valley close to LARD TRENCH.	No wire in front of xxxxxxx portion of STORMY TRENCH investigated. No enemy seen or heard in LARD TRENCH.
1 N.C.O. & 4 men.	N.20.d.3.7. at 10.55 P.M. Returned at N.20.d.3.7. at 1.5 A.M.	Into valley and then close to HAM TRENCH. A working party of 30 men working on wire there.	Wire in front of HAM TRENCH appears very strong and thick for 100 yards.

Enemy Activity.

Artillery - FLERS and GUEUDECOURT were frequently shelled with 10 c.m. and 15 c.m. during the day. GREASE TRENCH and also the duckboards from BULLS ROAD to SWITCH TRENCH were shelled with 15 c.m., very little damage being done. Scattered shelling throughout the day on areas T.7., N.19., and T.2. The Battery positions in M.30.c.v were shelled with 15 c.m. about 10.50 A.M. Both this shelling and that on T.7. was quietened by counter-battery work.

Defences - The enemy strong point at N.21.b.4.0. is fairly heavily wired. Snipers acting from here get well into SHINE TRENCH. This Trench is also subjected to enfilade fire from a.M.G. situated somewhere near this S.P. The enemy's Strong

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Point at N.20.b.2.9. is heavily wired.

Patrols - An enemy party observed at 10 P.M. in vicinity of N.21.d.3.8. was dispersed by our fire.

Movement - Considerable movement was seen along the BAPAUME-PERONNE Road at 11.30 A.M. At 12.50 P.M. several Germans were seen moving from N.4.d. to BAPAUME Road.

Aircraft - A hostile balloon was up for about 10 minutes yesterday in vicinity of G.22.central. Hostile planes were fairly active yesterday afternoon when they flew very low. One flying between S.15. and T.14. came in contact with one of ours, without apparent result. A plane flew over N.19.b.8.5. and dropped 1 green and 2 red flares. No subsequent action was apparent. During the afternoon an enemy plane came out of the clouds and fired on our battery position in T.7.a.

Stanley Rogers Cent
Lieut-Colonel.
S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 69.

From 6 A.M. 11th January 1917 to 6 A.M. 12th January 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line

Operations.

Artillery - On night of 10th between 7 and 11 P.M. the approaches leading from LIGNY-THILLOY to M. 18. and vicinity were heavily shelled with Shrapnel. This was done to interfere with the probable relief of the 5th Guard Grenadier Regiment. Bursts of fire were directed at H.20.b.2.9. at 7 A.M. and 2.20 P.M. when enemy was reported working there. PORK TRENCH from H.20.b.1.9. to H.20.b.5.9. was shelled at intervals during the day. Owing to the misty day the effect could not be observed, but enemy sent up a considerable number of red flares.

Machine Guns - Indirect fire was carried out on targets at N.15.d.2.5. and H.21.a.7.7.

Patrols -

Strength	Departure & Return.	Route taken
1 H.C.O. & 2 men	H.19.b.6.7. at 10 P.M. H.19.b.7.5. at 11.30 P.M.	N.E. for 250 yards towards SCABBARD TRENCH. An enemy patrol was seen moving in a northerly direction along LIGNY-THILLOY Road.
1 H.C.O. & 3 men.	H.21.c.1.8. at 10.45 P.M. H.20.b.9.15. 11.45 P.M.	To enemy lines, along same to SUNKEN ROAD and to our own lines. Then made its way up valley, hugging embankment close to LARD TRENCH. No enemy movement was noticed in this Trench. One German was seen in open at a distance of 400 yards. This patrol was briskly shelled by 77 m.ms.
1 H.C.O. & 3 men.	H.21.b.2.2. at 10.30 P.M. H.20.b.9.9. at 12.10 A.M.	Down valley till close to HAM TRENCH. Enemy was using more flares than usual. The valley in vicinity of FRITZ FOLLY was then patrolled.

NOTE :- Patrolling was rendered very difficult last night owing to the snow on the ground. Objects were discernable at 400 yards distance. For this reason our patrols were unable to get as close to enemy lines as usual.

Enemy Activity.

Artillery - On the whole enemy shelling yesterday was well below normal. FLERS, BULLS ROAD, CHTESE ROAD and FRITZ FOLLY all received attention. During the afternoon a medium barrage was thrown over in rear of SHINE and right portion of GREASE TRENCH. Our battery positions in M.30.c. and d. were heavily shelled with 15 c.m. during the night.

Machine Gun and Rifle Fire - Enemy M.G. fire was active at intervals on gaps in our trenches between N.21.d.2.7. and N.21.d.3.6., on FRITZ FOLLY and SMOKE TRENCH. This gun is situated in vicinity of N.21.a.4.7. Enemy snipers were fairly active all day.

Movement - A large party of enemy were seen at 4.30 P.M. about H.15.c. A small enemy party were visible for a short period at H.21.a.5.7.

Aircraft - Between 3.15 and 3.30 P.M. 4 enemy planes flew very low over the left portion of our front, without being molested.

Stanley Rogers
Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1:40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		MAMETZ CAMP	
13th Battalion		MAMETZ CAMP. 2 Coys	QUARRY Sdg. 1 Coy
14th Battalion		ALBURY (BAZENTIN)	(MONTAUBAN)
15th Battalion	)		
16th Battalion	)		
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	)	MAMETZ CAMP	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.	)		
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		S.12.b.8.8.	
45th Battalion		N.26.d.0.2.	Right Bn in Line
46th Battalion		T.1.c.1.5.	SWITCH & GAP TRENCHES
47th Battalion		BRISBANE & TOWNSVILLE (BERNAFAY A & B)	
48th Battalion		N.31.b.3.2.	Left Bn in Line
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		S.6.d.8.1.	
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		S.12.b.6.2.	
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		S.12.b.7.8.	
49th Battalion		HOBART (NEW CARLTON "A")	
50th Battalion		N.31.b.3.1.	In Line.
51st Battalion		BENDIGO (BAZENTIN "B")	
52nd Battalion		LAUNCESTON (NEW CARLTON B) 1/2 in GAP	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		N.31.a.1.3.	(& SWITCH TRENCHES
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		BENDIGO	
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S.6.c.8.3.	
11th A.F.A. Brigade		M.30.c.9.2.	
12th A.F.A. Brigade		S.16.d.4.7.	
24th A.F.A. Brigade			
V.4.A. H.T.M. Bty.			
X.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.			
Y.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.			
Z.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.			
Div. Ammunition Column			
Ammunition Sub-Park			
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy.		MELBOURNE CAMP	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		BULLS ROAD	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		S.17. central	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S.21.b.9.6.	(DARWIN)
Divisional Train H.Q.		ALBERT	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	)		
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.	)	E.12.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	)		
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.	)		
Sup. Column.		ALBERT	
Railhead.		MONTAUBAN	
Pack Transport Troop.			
4th Aus. Field Ambulance		BECORDEL Main Dressing Station.	
12th Aus. Field Ambulance		S.22.d.9.6.	
13th Aus. Field Ambulance		S.21.d.4.6.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E.10.b.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		S.22.c.6.7.	

8 A.M. 12th Jan. 1917.

H. McPherson Major-General.
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Policy of work to be carried out in the Front Area.

1. The Divisional Commander wishes the following Policy as regards work in the Front Area to be carried out by Brigades in the Line. In about a month's time the condition of the ground will improve and it is essential that an organized System of Defence shall have been completed by then.

Order of Urgency.

2. The work to be undertaken, placed in order of urgency, is as under :-

- (a) Completion of Reserve Line.
- (b) Advancing and strengthening the Front Line.
- (c) Communications from Reserve to Front Line.
- (d) Burying of Cable up to the Reserve Line.
- (e) Communications from Brigade Headquarters to the Reserve Line.

3. Special instructions are being, or have been issued regarding -

- (a) Preparation of dug-outs near Artillery Battery positions.
- (b) Work on Intermediate and Second Lines.
- (c) Placing of Ammunition Dumps under cover.

Reserve Line.

4. Work on the Reserve Line must be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The Line will run as detailed in the Defence Scheme.

G.O.C. 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will arrange for the part of the Line between POSSUM RESERVE and HAY RESERVE - which is not at present dug - to be marked out immediately.

Machine Gun Positions will be selected in rear of this Line to enfilade an attack against HAY RESERVE and positions will also be selected in rear of HAY RESERVE and POSSUM RESERVE to enfilade an enemy advancing up the spur in N.26.c. (the ground affords excellent opportunities for doing this).

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Front and
Support
Lines.

5. The Front Line will never be much more than a line of posts, but for this reason it is essential that the posts should be well sited and strong in themselves.

Right Brigade Sector.

(a) Steps for improving our position in N.21.d. are being taken in conjunction with the Division on our right.

(b) As opportunity offers, saps should be dug forward in front of GREASE TRENCH.

(c) GOODWINS POST must be strengthened and a properly wired barricade constructed in the Hollow Road running from N.21.a.2.4. towards it.

(d) The re-entrant in N.20.d. should be straightened out by connecting up from near WHALE TRENCH to PRICE TRENCH.

(This work cannot be undertaken until FATIGUE ALLEY has been improved.) This will enable PETROL LANE etc to be used as a Support Line.

Left Brigade Sector.

(a) Advanced posts for Lewis Guns should be dug in front of the present trenches, both on the right and left. These posts can be connected up by saps so that the present Front Line will become the Support Line.

(b) Both trenches need wiring in front.

(c) The valley between the Right and Left Brigades must be strongly wired, also the valley between the Right and Left Sectors of the Left Brigade. The wire must be placed so that direct Machine Gun fire can be brought to bear on it.

Communications- 6. Communications between the Reserve and Front between the Lines will be improved as under :-
Reserve and Front Lines. Right Brigade.

EVE ALLEY, which is a good trench, but needs draining and revetting.

GREASE TRENCH Communication Trench (which will probably be called FUGITIVE AVENUE). This trench will be dug with sloping sides and not revetted.

FATIGUE ALLEY needs draining and revetting.

Left Brigade.

GROVE ALLEY needs draining and revetting. Work should be commenced from the HAY RESERVE end, as this part of the trench will be used to link up with the Division on our left.

No other communication trenches will be worked upon at present.

Burying
Cable.

7. Forward of Brigade Headquarters, Cable will be carried through the tunnel as far as possible, probably to GAP TRENCH. Forward of that, it will be buried to BULLS TRENCH and thence to POSSUM RESERVE and HAY RESERVE.

Communica-
tions be-
tween Bri-
gade H.Q.
and the
Reserve Line

8. Communications between Brigade Headquarters and the Reserve Line depend on the use that can be made of NICHOLSONS Tunnel. It is probable that it will only be available as far as GAP TRENCH, in which case FLARE ALLEY will be revetted and drained forward of that point.

Mining.

9. Mining work forward of Brigade Headquarters will be carried out by the Brigade Mining Companies already organized, working under the Engineers.

In the event of timber being scarce, the dug-outs at the CHALK PIT E. of GUEUDECOURT and in HAY RESERVE will be given precedence over other work.

Wiring.

10. In addition to the wire mentioned in para 5 - wiring must be carried out all along the Front Line on a definite system. The points that require wiring should be dealt with first, and a certain amount of wire should be accumulated in the Front Line, so that wiring may be carried on every night.

The wiring of the Reserve Line will be taken in hand at once, that part of the Line which is not under direct observation being wired first.

11. Brigade Commanders will ensure that all

available labour be concentrated on the work as laid out above.

New trenches must not be dug until the revetting material is ready at hand, and strict supervision will be exercised to ensure that men are not frittered away in small parties employed on jobs, other than those specified. Material is ample and the amount of work done depends largely on proper organization of working parties.

12. Frequent inspections will be carried out by Brigade and Divisional Staffs, to ensure that work is proceeding satisfactorily and on the right lines.

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Lieut-Colonel.

13th January 1917.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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