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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	1917 Date Octr.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STEENVOORDE	1		Fine and cool, with mist in morning. D.H.Q. moved to STEENVOORDE and opened at 10 a.m. 13th A.I. Brigade moved to STEENVOORDE by bus - 12th A.I. Brigade from support position to HALIFAX Area.	Appx. 1. Distribn. of Units.
STEENVOORDE	2		Fine and clear. Units resting and bathing.	Appx. 2 Distribn. of Units.
STEENVOORDE	3		Cloudy in early morning, afterwards fine and hazy. 12th Brigade moved by bus from HALIFAX to STEENVOORDE. Conference of Brigadiers at D.H.Q. to discuss recent operations and any lessons learnt, etc.	Appx. 3. Distribn. of Units.
STEENVOORDE	4		Cloudy and dull. Attack being carried out by 2nd and 5th Armies. Training resumed by Brigades.	Appx. 4 Distribn. of Units. Appx. 5. Confer- ence pro- ceedings.
STEENVOORDE	5		Squally and cool. Training continued by Brigades.	Appx. 6 Distribn. of Units
STEENVOORDE	6		Squally and cool. Signalling scheme carried out by 4th A.I. Brigade, remainder continuing normal work.	

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STEENVOORDE	7		Cloudy and dull with squalls. Church parades held by Brigades - G.O.C. attended 4th Brigade service. Conference of Brigadiers held at D.H.Q. to discuss action in connection with future operations, which, later, were cancelled.	
STEENVOORDE	8		Cold and wet. Training hampered by weather. Order regarding relief of 2nd Aus. Division issued.	Appx. 7 Prelim. instrn. No 1. Series 4 Appx. 8 Div. Order 83.
STEENVOORDE	9		Cool and windy. 45th and 49th Battalions sent forward by 'bus to support 5th and 6th Bdes., 2nd Aus. Division, respectively, and were placed in front line during night 9/10th October.	
STEENVOORDE	10		Fine and cold. 12th and 13th Brigades entrained at ABEELE for YPRES and relieved 5th and 6th A.I. Brigades in left Sector of Corps front.	Appx. 9. Distrib. of Units.
PRES	11		Cloudy at intervals but fine and cold. 4th Aus. Division assumed command of left sector Corps front at 10 a.m. Two Brigades in line, 13th Brigade right, 12th Brigade on left with 4th Brigade in reserve. 5th Aus. Division on right and 3rd Aus. Division on left. Arrangements completed for attack on 12th instant at 5.25 a.m. Front extends from D.29 B.25 to ROULERS	Appx. 10 Summary of Ops. Appx. 11 M.G. Ins. No. 1.

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Place	Octr. Date 1917.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	11		RAILWAY at D.17 B.33.	Appx. 12 Div. Order 84. Appx. 13. M.G. Ins. 2. Appx. 14. Div. Inst. No. 2.
YPRES	12		<p>Dull morning with drizzling rain, clearing at about 9 a.m. Our portion of the attack was launched by 12th Brigade at 5.25 a.m. with 3rd Aus. Division on left flank and 13th Brigade on right which remained stationary in accordance with the plan. Two objectives were assigned to 4th Aus. Division, the first being captured by 6 a.m. The position remained somewhat obscure during most of the day on the front of 3rd Aus. Division on our left. Our troops were held up by hostile shelling and M.G. fire at the RED LINE. Our artillery support was not as strong as usual, due, probably, to several guns being stuck in the mud when moving forward to new positions prior to the attack. Wet, muddy nature of the ground rendered it most difficult for Infantry to move and made it almost impossible for supplies, etc. to be brought forward. On the 3rd Aus. Division withdrawing to their original line, our troops were "left in the air" and were compelled to conform to their movements and fell back to original front line at dusk.</p>	Appx. 15 Distribn. Appx. 16 Distrib. of Units. Appx. 17 Summary of Ops.

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Place	Octr. Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	13		Wet, with bright intervals. Several heavy thunderstorms through the day render the country almost impassable in places. Greatest difficulty being experienced by Artillery getting their ammunition forward for field guns as pack transport was the only means. Old original line now being held, the troops being obliged to withdraw owing to 3rd Aus. Division having fallen back. G.O.C. visited Brigadiers 12th and 13th Brigades.	Appx. 18 Summary of Ops. Appx. 19 Distribn. of Units. Appx. 20 Div. Order 85.
YPRES	14		Fine and cold, cloudy at intervals. 4th Aus. Inf. Brigade relieved 12th Brigade in left sector of Div. front. Line unaltered. The area was lightly shelled intermittently throughout the day. Hostile aeroplanes active, flying low and bombing batteries in vicinity of WESTHOEK.	Appx. 21 Distribn. of Units.
YPRES	15		Fine and cold, wind rapidly drying the ground. Suspected that enemy withdrawing opposite our front. A post was pushed forward about 1000 yards in advance in daylight without opposition. patrols being sent out to-night to confirm. YPRES shelled with H.V. guns.	Appx. 22 Summary of Ops. Appx. 23 Distribn. of Units.
YPRES	16		Dull, with clear, bright intervals, fine. Hostile artillery very active, shelling the whole area intermittently.	Appx. 25 Summary of Ops. Appx. 24 Distribn. of Units.

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Place	Octr. Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	17		Fine and cold. Active patrolling being carried out. Suspected that enemy has withdrawn on our front towards KIEBERG RIDGE.	Appx. 26 Distribn. Appx. 27 Summary of Operations. Appx. 28. Operations Octr. 12th.
YPRES	18		Cloudy and fine after wet night. Situation unaltered.	Appx. 29 Div. Order 86 Appx. 30. Distribn. of Units. Appx. 31. Summary of Operations.
YPRES	19		Cloudy with heavy thunder storm. 12th Brigade relieve 13th Brigade on right sector. Hostile artillery exceptionally active.	Appx. 32 Summary of Operations. Appx. 33. Signal report on Octr. 12

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Place	Oct. Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	1917 20		<p>Fine, poor visibility. Hostile artillery very active against our battery positions. G.S.O. 1st Aus. Division</p> <p>1. reconnoitred front line in connection with their intended operations in near future. 12th Brigade relieved in right sector of Div. front by 5th Aus. Division who extended their front to BROODSEINDE, 4th Brigade taking over balance. Div. front now held by 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.</p>	<p>Appx. 34 Distribn. of Units. Appx. 35. Div. Order 87. Appx. 36 Distribn. of Units. Appx. 37. Summary of Operations.</p>
n YPRES	21		<p>Fine and cool, poor visibility. 13th A.I. Brigade moved from Canal Area to OUDERDOM AREA. Brigade H.Q. again heavily shelled at intervals throughout the day.</p>	<p>Appx. 38 Div. Order 88. Appx. 39. Summary of Operations.</p>
YPRES	22		<p>Dull and misty. Ground still very wet and slippery, making movements off duck-board tracks very difficult. Arrangements for relief by 1st Aus. Division completed.</p>	<p>Appx. 40. Summary of Operations. Appx. 41. Distribn. of Units.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YPRES	Octr. 1917 23		Wet and dull during morning and evening. 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde. relieved 4th Aus. Inf. Bde' in left sector of Corps front. 10th Canadian Brigade on left flank. Country still wet and difficult to work over. Our artillery feeling strain of excessive work imposed upon them and representations made to higher authority for their withdrawal. Casualties amongst personnel and horses severe. The Artillery badly need a long spell.	Appx. 42. Summary of Operations Appx. 43 Div. Order 89. Appx. 44 Distribn. of Units. Appx. 45. Defence Scheme.
SCOTTISH CAMP.	24		Dull and cold. Sector handed over to 1st Aus. Division at 10 a.m. 4th Brigade moved by busses from YPRES to RENINGHELST area. Information received from Corps that 4th Div. Artillery were to be withdrawn and sent to back area. Advance party sent to BOMY area to arrange billets for Division which will commence moving to that area to-morrow.	Appx. 46 Distribn. of Units.
SCOTTISH CAMP	25		Fine and windy. Ground drying up quickly. Hostile planes bombed DICKEBUSCH and OUDERDOM during night. 13th A.I. Brigade entrained for BOMY area, portion of the transport being obliged to proceed by road owing to lack of accommodation.	
BOMY	26		Dull and cold. D.H.Q. opened at noon. 12th A.I. Brigade moved to BOMY area by rail with H.Q. at DELETTE. Transport by road.	



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Oct. 1917			
BOMY	27		Showery, with bright intervals. 4th A.I. Brigade moved by rail to BOMY Area with H.Q. at LISBOURG. Div. Artillery withdrawn from line and assembled at Wagon Lines with H.Q. at RENINGHELST. Arrangements made for repair of rifle ranges in the area which were allotted to Brigades.	Appx. 47 Distribn. Sheet.
BOMY	28		Fine and dull. Re-organisation of units being carried out. Church parades held and recreation in afternoon.	
BOMY	29		Dull and cold. Re-equipping and re-organizing proceeded with. Training commenced, dealing, principally, with steadying drill and platoon training.	
BOMY	30		Wet and cold. Training continued. G.O.C. visited 12th Brigade units.	
BOMY	31		Fine sunny day. Re-organization and equipping of Units practically completed. Delay in repairing targets on rifle ranges due to difficulty in obtaining material and lack of transport.	

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Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	SHEET.	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	27	STEENVOORDE.	Rue Carnot.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		STEENVOORDE.	Rue Poperinghe.
13th Battalion.		STEENVOORDE AREA.	
14th Battalion.		"	
15th Battalion.		"	
16th Battalion.		"	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	28	H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.	27	STEENVOORDE AREA.	
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	28	I. 11. b. 2. 8.	BIRK CROSS ROADS
45th Battalion.		I. 16. d. 8. 8.	CHINA WALL.
46th Battalion.		J. 3. a. 5. 5.	GARTER POINT.
47th Battalion.		J. 7. b. 7. 9.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
48th Battalion.		J. 8. b. 3. 1.	"
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. 3. 3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		I. 16. d. 8. 8.	CHINA WALL.
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	28	H. 15. c. 5. 2.	WINNIPEG CAMP.
49th Battalion.			
50th Battalion.			
51st Battalion.			
52nd Battalion.			HALIFAX AREA.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	28	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SNYTHE CAMP.
10th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		G. 24. b. 60. 70.	
Div. T.H. Officer.		G. 28. b.	SCOTTISH LINES.
Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 16. d. 9. 3.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SNYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		J. 7. central.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. cent.	
15th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.	27	STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	28	J. 8. a. 05. 75.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.		I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>		G. 26. c. 0. 2.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 28. d.	HOOGRAAF.
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	
Supply Column.	27	STEENVOORDE.	
Railhead		CAESTRE.	
Pack Transport Troop.	28	H. 21. d. 4. 8.	
A.D.n.S.	27	STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		STEENVOORDE AREA.	
12th Aus. Field Amb.	28	G. 21. c. 5. 8.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.	27	STEENVOORDE AREA.	

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4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section 27 K. 25. c. 8. 4. STEENVOORDE AREA,  
 4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy. 28 H. 16. d. 1. 1. PIONEER AREA,  
 Reinforcement Camp. CAESTRE.

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

A. P. M. 27 STEENVOORDE,  
 D. A. D. O. S. "  
 D. A. D. V. S. "  
 Paymaster. "  
 D. H. G. O. 28 H. 23. b. 5. 5. BELGIAN CHATEAU.

*L. Long*

Major General

Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

10 a.m.  
1st October, 1917.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.			
DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.	27	STEENVOORDE.	Rue Carnot Poperinghe.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		STEENVOORDE	Rue
13th Battalion.		J. 29.b.5.9.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
14th Battalion.		J. 25.d.6.9.	"
15th Battalion.		J. 30.c.5.1.	"
16th Battalion.		K. 25.c.4.2.	"
4th Aus. I.G. Coy.	28	H. 23.b.cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.	27	J. 27.d.8.8.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	28	H. 19.d.1.1.	HALIFAX CAMP.
45th Battalion.		H. 19.d.	"
43th Battalion.		H. 19.d.	"
47th Battalion.		H. 19.d.	"
48th Battalion.		H. 19.d.	"
12th Aus. I.G. Coy.		H. 23.b.3.3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		H. 19.d.	HALIFAX AREA.
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		STEENVOORDE	"Square".
49th Battalion.		K. 22.a.6.1. )	
50th Battalion.		K. 16.d.56.30. )	STEENVOORDE
51st Battalion.		K. 28.b.0.8. )	
52nd Battalion.		K. 27.d.9.7. )	AREA.
13th Aus. I.G. Coy.		K. 23.a.0.0. )	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		K. 27.d.0.2. )	
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		H. 21.d.6.2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
10th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 14.b.15.50.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		G. 24.b.30.70.	
Div. T.M. Officer.		G. 28.b.	SCOTTISH LINES.
Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 16.d.9.3.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		H. 21.d.6.2.	SMYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		H. 31.b.5.2.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15.c.cent.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14.b.15.50.	
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.	27	STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
24th Aus. I.G. Coy.	28	J. 8.a.05.75.	WESTHOEK RIDGE.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battrn.		I. 13.c.6.9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>		G. 26.c.0.2. )	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26.d. )	HOOGRAAF.
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		" )	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		" )	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.	27	K. 34.c.50.75.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
Supply Column.		STEENVOORDE.	
Railhead.		CAESTRE.	
S.S.O.		STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
<u>A.D.A.S.</u>		STEENVOORDE.	Rue Carnot.
4th Aus. Field Amb.			STEENVOORDE AREA.
12th Aus. Field Amb.	28	G. 21.c.5.8.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.	27	K. 27.d.0.2.	STEENVOORDE AREA.

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4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section	27	V.25.c.8.4.	STEEUVOORDE AREA.
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.	28	H.16.d.1.1.	PIONEER AREA.
Reinforcement Camp.		CAESTRE.	

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

A.P.M.	27	STEEUVOORDE.	
D.A.D.O.S.		"	
D.A.D.V.S.		"	Rue Carnot.
Paymaster.		"	"
D.M.G.O.	28	H.23.b.5.5.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.

*R. H. Stewart*

for Major General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

a.m.  
2nd October, 1917.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Map Square Sheet. 1/40,000	REMARKS.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	27 STEENVOORDE.	Rue Carnot.
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	STEENVOORDE	Rue Poperinghe.
13th Battalion.	J. 29. b. 5. 9.	STEENVOORDE WEST.
14th Battalion.	J. 35. d. 6. 9.	"
15th Battalion.	J. 30. c. 5. 1.	"
16th Battalion.	K. 25. c. 4. 2.	"
4th Aus. H.G. Coy.	28 H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th A.L.T.H. Bty.	27 J. 27. d. 8. 6.	STEENVOORDE AREA WEST.
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	28 H. 19. c. 1. 1.	HALIFAX CAMP
45th Battalion.	H. 14. c. 4. 4.	HALIFAX CAMP.
46th Battalion.	H. 14. c. 8. 8.	VANCOUVER CAMP.
47th Battalion.	H. 19. c. 5. 6.	WINNIPEG CAMP.
48th Battalion.	H. 19. b. 3. 5.	VANCOUVER CAMP.
12th Aus. H.G. Coy.	H. 23. b. 3. 3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
12th A.L.T.H. Bty.	H. 14. c. 8. 8.	VANCOUVER CAMP.)
		HALIFAX AREA Moving 3rd to STEENVOORDE AREA.
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	STEENVOORDE	Rue Cassel.
49th Battalion.	K. 22. a. 6. 1.	} STEENVOORDE AREA NORTH.
50th Battalion.	H. 16. d. 5. 30.	
51st Battalion.	K. 28. b. 0. 8.	
52nd Battalion.	K. 27. d. 9. 7.	
13th Aus. H.G. Coy.	K. 28. a. 0. 0.	
13th A.L.T.H. Bty.	K. 27. d. 0. 2.	
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	27 STEENVOORDE.	
10th A.F.A. Bde.	28 I. 12. c. 1. 9.	SCOTTISH LINES. SMYTHE CAMP.
11th A.F.A. Bde.	I. 12. c. 1. 9.	
Div. T.H. Officer.	G. 28. b.	
Div. Ammunition Col.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		SMYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	
42th Aus. Field Coy.	H. 21. b. 5. 2.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.	I. 15. c. cent.	
4th Aus. Div. Sig. Coy.	27 I. 14. b. 15. 50.	Rue Carnot.
24th Aus. H.G. Coy.	28 H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.	I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>		HOOGRAAF.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. c. 0. 2.	"
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.	G. 26. d.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	27 P. 5. a. 7. 6.	HALIFAX AREA. (Moving 3rd.)
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.	27 K. 34. c. 50. 75.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
Supply Col.	STEENVOORDE	"Square".
Railhead	CAESTRE.	
S.S.O.	STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
<u>4th Div. S.</u>		Rue Carnot.
4th Aus. Field Amb.	STEENVOORDE.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
12th Aus. Field Amb.	28 J. 29. c. 9. 1.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.	27 G. 21. c. 5. 8.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
4th Aus. Div. Sanitary Sec.	K. 27. d. 0. 2.	"

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4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section 27 K.25.c.8.4. STEENVOORDE AREA.

4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy. 28 H.16.d.1.1. PIONEER AREA

Reinforcement Camp. CAESTRE.

DIVISIONAL UNITS

- A.P.H. " 27 STEENVOORDE.
- D.A.D.O.S. " " "
- D.A.D.V.S. " " Rue Carnot.
- Pymaster " " "
- D.H.G.O. " " "

8 a.m. 3rd Sept., 1917.

Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

*Stewart Lt*

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SECRET

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	SHEET.	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	27	STEENVOORDE.	Rue Carnot.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		STEENVOORDE.	Rue Poperinghe.
13th Battalion.		J. 29. b. 5. 9.	STEENVOORDE WEST.
14th Battalion.		J. 35. d. 6. 9.	"
15th Battalion.		J. 30. c. 5. 1.	"
16th Battalion.		K. 25. c. 4. 2.	"
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	28	H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.	27	J. 27. d. 8. 6.	STEENVOORDE AREA WEST.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	27	STEENVOORDE.	
45th Battalion.		K. 25. c. 8. 8.	
46th Battalion.		K. 25. b. 5. 8.	
47th Battalion.		K. 26. c. 3. 9.	
48th Battalion.		K. 32. b. 3. 7.	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. 3. 3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		K. 21. a. 6. 2.	
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		STEENVOORDE.	Rue Cassel.
49th Battalion.		K. 22. a. 6. 1.	STEENVOORDE AREA
50th Battalion.		K. 16. d. 55. 30.	
51st Battalion.		K. 28. b. 0. 1.	
52nd Battalion.		K. 27. d. 9. 7.	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		K. 28. a. 0. 0.	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		K. 27. d. 0. 2.	NORTH.
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	27	STEENVOORDE.	
10th A.F.A. Bde.	28	I. 12. c. 1. 9.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 12. c. 1. 9.	
Div. T.L. Officer.		G. 28. b.	SCOTTISH LINES.
Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 21. b. 6. 2.	SNYTHE CAMP.
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SNYTHE CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		H. 21. b. 5. 2.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 13. c. cent.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
Div. Signal Coy.	27	STEENVOORDE.	Rue Carnot.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.	27	K. 26. a. 20. 15.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.		I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>		G. 26. c. 0. 2.	HOOGRAAF.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	HOOGRAAF.
8th Coy. A.A.S.C.	27	P. 5. a. 7. 6.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		K. 32. c. 5. 0.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		K. 34. c. 50. 75.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
Supply Col.		STEENVOORDE.	'Square'.
Railhead.		CAESTRE.	
S.S.O.		STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.

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<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot, TIRU
4th Aus. Field Amb.	J. 29. c. 9. 1.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
		C. Section K. 21. c. 7. 3.
12th Aus. Field Amb.	K. 21. c. 7. 3.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.	27 K. 27. d. 0. 2.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
4th Aus. Div. Sanitary Sec.	K. 31. d. 2. 4.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.	K. 25. c. 8. 4.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.	28 H. 16. d. 1. 1.	PIONEER AREA.
Reinforcement Camp.	27 Q. 13. b. 9. 8.	

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

A.P.M.	27 STEENVOORDE.	
D.A.D.O.S.	"	
D.A.D.V.S.	"	Rue Carnot.
Paymaster.	"	Rue Carnot.
D.M.G.O.	"	"

*J. D. Stewart & Co*

for Major-General,

Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8 a.m.  
4th October, 1917.

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Capt  
(1)  
Ensign

*James*

4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.PROCEEDINGS OF CONFERENCE AT DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS

3-10-17.

The Approach March and Forming up.

The difficulty of arriving in time without having to wait about was discussed. G.O.C., 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade stated that if the enemy had put down a heavy barrage, his troops might possibly have been late.

Wherever possible an intermediate forming up/<sup>place</sup> such as was used by the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade - is desirable.

It is very important to patrol one or two mornings before the attack in the same strength as on the morning of the attack.

Barrages - Artillery.

Troops must be made to thoroughly understand that the barrage waits several minutes (in recent cases 3 minutes) after it is first put down, before moving forward.

In order to show Infantry as clearly as possible when the objective has been reached, plenty of smoke shell should be fired, and the 18-pounder barrage should be kept down for some time.

Machine Gun Barrage Worked well and Brigadiers are agreeable to a slight thinning of the Creeping Barrage Guns, so as to enable a Division to be self supporting in the matter of machine guns.

Mobile Machine Guns Are still in some cases used too much like Lewis guns and in future operations, the method in which the mobile guns are to be employed will be clearly laid down by the Division and adhered to by Brigades.

Engineer Services.

(a) The Engineer arrangements worked satisfactorily.

(b) The G.O.C., 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade was very satisfied about the notice boards, but G.O.C., 4th Brigade stated he had made his own, although there were plenty in the dump for him. Notice boards will, in future, have the position of the Battalion (e.g., left Red Line Battalion) painted on them instead of the number of the Battalion.

(c) Tapes will be replaced by posts with white tops, as early as possible, and Runners must be made to replace those they find knocked down.

(d) O.C. Pack Transport Troop must keep in close touch with R.E. regarding the position of tracks.

(e) There must be closer liaison in future between Staff Captains and the Engineers as to the position of dumps.

(f) Engineers must arrange to search Pill Boxes for booby traps.

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Trench Mortars.

- (a) The difficulty of getting up ammunition makes it difficult to move forward all the mortars at once.
- (b) The G.O.C. laid stress on the importance of having the Stokes mortars well up - ready to "take on" hostile machine guns.

Intercommunication.

On the whole satisfactory.

G.O.C., 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade stated that his Liaison Officer from the Division on his right was of no use to him.

Supplies, Ammunition, etc.

- (a) G.O.C., 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade expressed himself dissatisfied with arrangements made, but in spite of the short time available everything necessary was forthcoming.
- (b) 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade alone are in favour of Yukon Pack.
- (c) All Brigades consider that the Daylight S.O.S. might be dispensed with.
- (d) Brigades are anxious that all the food containers possible should be procured.
- (e) Steps are needed to improve the cleaning of Petrol tins.

Prisoners of War.

- (a) All Mopping Up Parties must have men with them to escort prisoners back to the neighbourhood of Brigade H.Q. Here they will be taken over by some of the Divisional Police.
- (b) On no account will prisoners of war be allowed to wander back without escort.

Working Parties.

- (a) The necessity was pointed out for working parties being supplied at full strength. If impossible to do this, early notification must be sent to Div. Headquarters.
- (b) The name of the Officer to whom the party is to report must always be given, time and place of rendezvous must be defined.

Lewis Gun Anti-Aircraft Work.

There is need for still more vigorous and organized anti-aircraft work by Lewis Guns.

Dispositions.

The importance of Battalions notifying Brigades, and Brigades notifying Division as to the dispositions as soon as possible was pointed out and steps are to be taken to improve this.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units

<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>Sheet</u>	<u>Map Square</u> <u>1/40,000</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	27	STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		STEENVOORDE	Rue Poperinghe.
13th Battalion.		J. 29. b. 5. 9.	STEENVOORDE WEST.
14th Battalion.		J. 35. d. 6. 9.	STEENVOORDE WEST.
15th Battalion.		J. 30. c. 5. 1.	STEENVOORDE WEST.
16th Battalion.		K. 25. c. 4. 2.	STEENVOORDE WEST.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	28	H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th A.L.T. Bty.	27	J. 27. d. 8. 6.	STEENVOORDE WEST.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	27	Q. 1. b. 4. 8.	STEENVOORDE.
45th Battalion.		K. 25. c. 8. 8.	
46th Battalion.		K. 25. b. 5. 8.	
47th Battalion.		K. 26. c. 3. 4.	
48th Battalion.		K. 32. b. 3. 7.	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. 3. 3.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
12th A.L.T. Bty.		K. 21. a. 8. 2.	
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		STEENVOORDE	Rue Cassel.
49th Battalion.		K. 22. a. 6. 1.	) STEENVOORDE AREA NORTH. East
50th Battalion.		K. 16. d. 35. 30.	
51st Battalion.		K. 28. b. 0. 8.	
52nd Battalion.		K. 27. d. 9. 7.	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		K. 28. a. 0. 0.	
13th A.L.T. Bty.		K. 27. d. 0. 2.	
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		OUDEZEELE.	
10th A.F.A. Bde.	28	I. 12. c. 1. 9.	SCOTTISH LINES. SHYTH CAMP.
11th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 12. c. 1. 9.	
Div. T.M. Officer.		H. 28. b.	
Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 21. b. 6. 2.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		H. 21. b. 6. 2.	SHYTH CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		H. 21. b. 5. 2.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. cent.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
Div. Signal Coy.	27	STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.		K. 26. a. 20. 15.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>		G. 26. c. 0. 2.	HOOGRAAF.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	HOOGRAAF.
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.	27	P. 5. a. 7. 6.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		K. 32. c. 5. 0.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		K. 34. c. 50. 75.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
Supply Col.		STEENVOORDE	'Square'.
Railhead.		CAESTRE.	
S.S.O.		STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
<u>A.D.S.</u>		STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		J. 29. c. 9. 1.	STEENVOORDE AREA. C. Scot
12th Aus. Field Amb.	28	G. 21. c. 5. 8.	K. 21. c.
13th Aus. Field Amb.	27	K. 27. d. 0. 2.	STEENVOORDE AREA.

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4th Aus. Div. Sanitary Sec.		K.31.d.2.4.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		K.25.c.8.4.	STEENVOORDE AREA.
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.	28	H.16.d.1.1.	PIONEER AREA.
Reinforcement Camp.	27	Q.13.b.9.8.	

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

A.P.M.	27	STEENVOORDE	
D.A.D.O.S.		STEENVOORDE.	
D.A.D.V.S.		STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
Paymaster.		STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.
D.M.G.O.		STEENVOORDE	Rue Carnot.

8 a.m.  
5th October, 1917.

*Paul Meyer*  
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.  
(Series 2.)

Headquarters,

8th October, 1917.

Reference 1/10,000 Map.

1. The 4th Aus. Division will take over the left Sector of the Corps Front from the 2nd Aus. Division at 10 a.m. on October 11th - Corps and Divisional Boundaries are as shown on attached map.
2. The front line will either run as shown in black on the map or in the event of the 2nd Aus. Division successfully carrying out an operation in the meantime - as shown in blue.
3. (a) The front will be taken over by the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade on the right, and 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade on the left.  
(b) The dividing line between Brigades will be about 18 C.3045 on the Blue Line and 23 a 8550 on the black line.
4. (a) In the event of the 2nd. Australian Division carrying out their operation against the blue line successfully the 13th, and 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigades will be called on to advance as far as the green line (vide map) in conjunction with an advance by the Division on the left.  
(b) The dividing line between the Brigades during this advance will be as shown on map.
5. Support and Reserve Battalions of the Brigades in the line will, on taking over, be located as far back as ANZAC and WESTHOEK Ridges. The 4th. Aus. Infantry Brigade ( Divisional Reserve ) will be in the GORDON and CANAL Areas.
6. The Duckboard Track running South of ZONNEBEKE is allotted to the 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade and that North of ZONNEBEKE to the 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.
7. The 12th. and 13th. Aus. Field Companies will work in close conjunction with their respective Infantry Brigades.
8. Machine Gun Companies will be with their Brigades. The actual number of guns to be employed on the front will be decided by Brigadiers in consultation with the Divisional M.G. Officer. S.O.S. Lines will be provided by guns from these Companies.

Issued at 7/10/17

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 83.

Headquarters,  
8th. OCTOBER, 1917.

Reference Map 1/40,000

1. The 4th. Australian Division will move to GORDON, CANAL, and HALIFAX Areas on the 9th., 10th. and 11th. insts. and will relieve the 2nd. Australian Division in the Left Sector on the night October 10/11th.
2. Moves to Divisional Reserve Area will be carried out in accordance with table overleaf.
3. Instructions for the relief of Brigades in the line will be issued later by 2nd. Australian Division, Brigades coming under their orders on arrival in GORDON and CANAL Areas.
4. Personnel referred to in S.S. 135 will remain in STEENVOORDE and return to CAESTRE under orders to be issued by 'Q'.
5. Pioneer, Engineer and Medical Units will be relieved under orders issued by C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. respectively.
6. Machine Gun Companies -  
 4th. Aus. M.G. Coy. will rejoin Brigade at HALIFAX Camp on 11th.  
 12th. " " " " " at GORDON Area on 10th.  
 13th. " " will accompany Brigade.  
 24th. " " will accompany 4th. Brigade during move forward.
7. Transport will be parked in CANAL AREA.
8. Following intervals will be observed by troops on the march -  
 800 yards between Battalions.  
 200 yards between Companies.  
 400 yards between Transport of Units and other troops.
9. Billeting parties will report in advance to Area Comdts. concerned for accommodation.
10. At 10 a.m. on 11th. instant the Command of the Left Sector of the Corps Front will pass to G.O.C., 4th. Australian Division.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Edmund Hays*  
 Lieut-Colonel.  
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- 26 ) 24th. Aus. M.G. Coy.

MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 83.

Date	Unit.	From.	To.	Route	Remarks.
Oct. 9th	1 Battrn. 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	STEENVOORDE AREA.	YPRES.	By Bus.	Embussing at 10.a.m. Head of Column to be at K.33,d.7.1. facing E.
Oct. 9th	1 Battrn. 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	STEENVOORDE AREA.	YPRES.	By bus.	Embussing at 10.a.m. Head of Column to be in rear of 12th Bde. Bn. facing E.
Oct. 10th	12th Aus. Inf. Bde. Less 1 Battrn. & M.G. Company.	STEENVOORDE AREA.	GORDON AREA.	Via ABEELE.	By train entraining at ABEELE for YPRES. Time will be notified.
Oct. 10th	13th Aus. Inf. Bde. Less 1 Battrn.	STEENVOORDE AREA.	CANAL AREA.	do.	By train. Entraining at ABEELE for YPRES. Time will be notified.
Oct. 11th.	4th Aus. Inf. Bde. (Less M.G. Coy.)	STEENVOORDE AREA.	HALIFAX AREA.	Via ABEELE - RENINGHELST OUDERDOM	March to be completed by 2.p.m.
Oct. 11th.	24th M.G. Coy.	STEENVOORDE AREA.	HALIFAX AREA.	Via ABEELE - RENINGHELST - OUDERDOM.	March to be completed by 2.p.m.
Oct. 11th.	Div. H.Q. (Adv.)	STEENVOORDE	YPRES RAMPARTS.	ABEELE - RENINGHELST OUDERDOM VLAMERTINGHE.	Opening at 10.a.m. C.R.A., 4th Aus. Div. relieves C.R.A. 2nd Aus. Div. at 10.a.m.
	Div. H.Q. (Rear)	STEENVOORDE.	SMYTHE CAMP.		

*Belgian Chateau*

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UNIT.	SHEET.	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	27	STEENVOORDE.	Rue Carnot.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		STEENVOORDE	Rue Poperinghe.
13th Battalion.		J. 29. b. 5. 9. )	MOVING TO HALIFAX AREA ON 11.10.17.
14th Battalion.		J. 35. d. 6. 9. )	
15th Battalion.		J. 30. c. 5. 1. )	
16th Battalion.		K. 25. c. 4. 2. )	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.	28	H. 23. b. cent. )	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.	27	J. 27. d. 8. 6. )	
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	28	D. 26. c. 1. 3. )	LEFT BRIGADE IN LINE.
45th Battalion.		In Line, )	
46th Battalion.		Support, )	
47th Battalion.		ANZAC Ridge. )	
48th Battalion.		WESTHOEK Ridge )	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		In Line. )	
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	
49th Battalion.		Right Bn. In Line.	
50th Battalion.		Support - 2 Coy's BROODSEINDE RIDGE. 2 Coy's TOKIO RIDGE.	
51st Battalion.		LEFT Bn. In Line.	
52nd Battalion.		Reserve.	WESTHOEK & ANZAC RIDGES.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		In Line.	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		OUDEZEELE	
10th A.F.A. Bde.	28	I. 12. c. 1. 9.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 12. c. 1. 9.	
Div. T.M. Officer.		H. 28. b.	
Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 21. b. 6. 2.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		H. 21. b. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		H. 21. b. 7. 5.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. Central.	
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.			STEENVOORDE.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.		K. 26. a. 20. 15.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.		I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>		G. 26. c. 0. 2.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		G. 26. d.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		P. 5. a. 7. 6.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		HOOGRAAF.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		HOOGRAAF.	
Supply Column.		STEENVOORDE.	
Railhead.		CAESTRE.	
S.S.O.		STEENVOORDE.	
Pack Transport Troop.	28	I. 13. b. cent.	
4th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Amb.		H. 24. a. 5. 8.	
13th Aus. Field Amb.		H. 24. a. 5. 8.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.	27	K. 35. a. 8. 4.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.	28	H. 16. a. 1. 1.	
Reinforcement Camp.		Q. 13. b. 9. 6.	

8. a. m., 11th October, 1917.

*Stanley Rogers*  
Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Appendix No. 10  
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.178.

From 6.a.m. 10th October to 6.a.m. 11th October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Harassing and isolated fire was carried out throughout the night. Registration was carried out by guns from their new positions.

Patrols. Patrols sent out along our front brought in two wounded Germans.

IDENTIFICATION.

Two prisoners taken in D.17. of 7th Company, 449th I.R. 233rd Division. Prisoners state that order of battle from North to South is 233rd R.I.R., 449th I.R., 450th I.R., 448th I.R. Prisoners state that Regiment expected to be relieved tonight by a regiment of a new Division. They also say that their casualties have been heavy while in the line.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

Hostile artillery was active. At midnight and during the early hours of this morning enemy heavily shelled vicinity of D.16.d.8.1. and Railway Line. From 3.p.m. to 6.p.m. enemy shelled J.7.a. with 8" and 5.9's. During the day BELLEWARDE Ridge and J.2.a. and b. with 5.9's and 4.2's.

AIRCRAFT.

Hostile planes were over our lines at 8.15.a.m. and 11.30.a.m. From 1.30.p.m. to 3.p.m. enemy planes were active over our front line.

MOVEMENT.

Enemy stretcher bearers, under the Red Cross flag, were active in the vicinity of the Railway in front of our line.

SNIPERS.

Enemy Snipers are very active.

*Stanley Rogerson*  
1st Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1.

(Series No. 2.)

Reference Map ZONNEBEKE 1/10,000

Headquarters,  
10th October, 1917.

Number of Guns employed on Divisional Front will be 32

Distribution.

1.	<u>Group</u>	<u>Guns</u>	<u>Battery.</u>	<u>Company.</u>
	S.O.S. and	6	A	13th Aus. M.G. Coy.
	Creeping barrage.	6	B	13th Aus. M.G. Coy.
		8	C	12th Aus. M.G. Coy.
	Mobile Guns.	8		12th Aus. M.G. Coy.
	Defensive Guns.	<u>4</u>		13th Aus. M.G. Coy.
	Total	<u>32</u>		

2. Group Commander. Officer Commanding 13th Aus. M.G. Company will Command the Group and will detail Battery Commanders and other Officers as required.

3. Mobile Guns. The Mobile Guns will be at the disposal of the G.O.C., 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade. Separate orders will be issued by Company Commander in accordance with task allotted by Brigadier.

Detailed orders will include -

1. Time and place of starting point.
2. Halting place of bounds.
3. Locality of final halts.
4. Action on reaching objective.

4. Detailed Action of Creeping Barrage and S.O.S. Guns.

For outline action of Batteries, see Barrage tracing attached.

The Gun positions shown are approximate only and may be varied by Group Commander subject to task being fulfilled.

Detailed tasks and time-table will be issued later.

5. Position of Group Commander.

Group Commander will be at D. 27.0.85.15.

6. Communications.

Group Commanders will ensure that the usual telephone communications are made from Battery to Group Headquarters.

Two reliable Runners will report to D.M.G.O. before Zero from Group Commander.

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7. Rate of Fire.

For Creeping Barrage 60 R.P.M.

For S.O.S. Barrage 250 R.P.M. for 10 minutes and 60 R.P.M. after.

8. S.O.S. Signal.

S.O.S. Signal will be Rifle Grenade Parachute with three coloured lights -

RED over GREEN over YELLOW.

9. Synchronization of Watches.

Watches will be synchronized at nearest Brigade Headquarters 2 hours before Zero.

10. Preparation.

Company Commanders will ensure that -

1. Positions are selected and prepared.
2. 15,000 rounds per gun are provided at position.
3. Adequate supply of water, oil, cleaning material etc, as provided.
4. Calculations made, Fire Organisation orders, and Barrage Chart prepared and checked. Final positions selected to be sent to D.M.G.O. immediately.

11. Zero Hour and Day.

Attack will take place on A Day. Zero hour will be notified later.

## 12. Reports to D.M.G.O. at Advanced Divisional Headquarters, YPRES

## 13. S.O.S. Line will be

A Battery A target.  
B Battery C target.  
C Battery F target.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J.R. Bernard*

Issued at 11.30.p.m.

Lieut. Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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2 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.  
3 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.  
4 4th Aus. Pioneer Battn. (No Map).  
5 C.R.A.  
6 C.R.E.  
7 A.D.M.S. (No Map).  
8 D.M.G.O.  
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10 G.  
11 A.Q.  
12 Div. Signal Coy.  
13 5th Aus. Division.  
14 3rd Aus. Division.  
15 I ANZAC.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 84.

Headquarters,

11th October, 1917.

Reference 1/10,000 Map.

1. 1st and 2nd ANZAC are to attack on A Day, the main objective being the capture of ~~the~~ PASSCHENDAELE.
2. (a) The attack on 1st ANZAC Front will be carried out by the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade, the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade continuing to hold their present front.  
 (b) The 9th Aus. Infantry Brigade, 3rd Aus. Division will attack on the left of the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
3. (a) The operation by the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will be in two stages. -  
 (i) Establishment on RED Line D.18.c.4.4., D. 8.c.7.7., D.18.b.2.0. - D.18.b.1.4. to Railway at D.18.a.9.5. - 8.0. (inclusive).  
 (ii) Establishment on BLUE Line D.18.b.2.0. - D.18.b.7.4. - E.13.a.0.7. - Railway at E.7.c.2.2. and 5.3. (inclusive).  
 (b) A Map showing objectives was issued with Preliminary Instruction No. 2. (Series 2.)
4. The objective will be occupied and held as a series of closely connected and mutually supporting posts.  
 After establishment on the whole line and when the barrage finally ceases at Zero plus 300, connection will be made along the Railway with the 3rd Aus. Division by establishing a post at E.7.c.5.3.
5. A tracing of the artillery barrage has been issued to all concerned.  
 (a) For the 5th Aus. Division the barrage will be a light standing one on S.O.S. lines throughout the action.  
 (b) On the 4th Aus. Divisional Front the opening barrage will be put down for 8 minutes. It will then move forward to the RED Line at the rate of 100 yards in 8 minutes.  
 (c) The Red Protective Barrage will be placed 200 yards in advance of the RED Line and will lift from there at Zero plus 180. Five minutes prior to this lift the barrage will be intensified, and will then move forward at 100 yards in 8 minutes to the BLUE Line.  
 (d) All Guns will fire smoke shell when they reach the protective Barrage, both at the RED and BLUE Line.  
 (e) The BLUE Protective barrage will die away at Zero plus 300 minutes.

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(f) A back barrage will deal with all important points and approaches beyond the creeping barrage.

6. Machine Gun Instructions and Tracing of Barrage have been issued separately.

Machine Guns of 5th Aus. Division will cover the right flank by a barrage running diagonally across D.24. central

The Machine Gun Barrage will die away at the same time as the artillery barrage, and will open again on a S.O.S. Signal.

7. Engineer arrangements will be on the same lines as during the operations on September 26th - Special attention will be given to the marking and improvement of tracks forward.
8. All troops will be formed up one hour before Zero.
9. 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will be Divisional Reserve with Brigade H.Q. at the Infantry Barracks YPRES - They will be concentrated in the YPRES and CANAL Area and ready to move forward by 10.a.m. on A Day.
10. A contact aeroplane will be in the air approximately at the following times - RED Line Zero plus 100, BLUE Line Zero plus 250, at which times flares will be called for. Red and White flares are to be lit at the same time.
11. An Officer from Divisional H.Q. will synchronize watches at an hour which will be notified.
12. Divisional H.Q. will be at YPRES Ramparts, I.14.b.1.8.
13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*D.K. Bernard.*

Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2.

(Series No. 2.)

Headquarters,

11th October, 1917

Time Table for Batteries A, B, and C reference Task Map issued with Machine Gun Instructions No. 1.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Barrage Target Letter</u>	<u>Instructions.</u>
From Zero to Zero plus 10	A	Pauses of 1 minute. For Oiling, water supply changing elevation, etc.
From Zero plus 11 to plus 20	B	
From Zero plus 21 to plus 30	C	Rate of fire 60 R.P.M.
From Zero plus 31 to plus 40	D	
From Zero plus 41 to plus 50	E	
From Zero plus 51 to plus 60	F	
From Zero plus 61 to plus 70	G	

From Zero plus 70 to Zero plus 180 all Batteries will search the length of their targets, lifting and depressing at irregular intervals

From Zero plus 180 to Zero plus 195	A
From Zero plus 196 to Zero plus 210	B
From Zero plus 211 to Zero plus 225	C
From Zero plus 226 to Zero plus 240	D
From Zero plus 241 to Zero plus 255	E
From Zero plus 256 to Zero plus 270	F
From Zero plus 271 to Zero plus 300	G.

At Zero plus 300 all guns will stand by for S.O.S. call, when they will fire.

- A Battery on target A
- B Battery on target C.
- C Battery on target F.

Ammunition supply must be replenished as used, and should not be permitted to fall below 6,000 rounds per gun.

*Madford Major*  
for Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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- Copy No. 1 12th. Aus. M.G. Company.
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2.

(Series 2.)

Headquarters,

Reference Map 1/10,000

10th October, 1917.

1. 1st and 2nd ANZAC were not successful in reaching their objectives on 9th inst. nt.
2. The present line held by the 4th Aus. Division is approximately as shown on attached Map. The junction between the two Brigades is about 17.d.90.05.
3. (a) On A day at Zero hour 1st and 2nd ANZAC will continue their advance.
- (b) The task of the 4th Aus. Division will be to move forward S. of the YPRES - ROULERS Railway and form a flank for the attack further North.
- (c) The attack will be carried out by two Battalions 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade. The 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade will continue to hold their present line.
4. (a) There will be two objectives - A RED and a BLUE Line (vide Map). One Battalion will be allotted to each.
- (b) The flank will be established by forming a line of posts between RHINE and ASSYRIA in first stage and ASSYRIA to E.7.a.15.20. in second stage.
- (c) After capturing the BLUE Line the O.C. BLUE Line Battalion will establish a post on the Railway at E.7.c.5.3. connecting with a post of 3rd Aus. Division further along.  
The right flank of 3rd Aus. Division on their final objective will be at E.7.d.1.8. (vide Map).
5. The attack will be carried out <sup>under a</sup> barrage, a tracing of which is attached.
- (a) The pace of the barrage will be 100 yards in 8 minutes.
- (b) The barrage will dwell for 8 minutes after it first comes down before advancing.
- (c) The barrage will remain in front of the RED Line from plus 72 to plus 180 when it will begin creeping forward to the BLUE Line.
6. (a) The Div. M.G.O. will use the 12th and 13th Aus M.G. Companies to form a creeping barrage during the advance and to put down a S.O.S. barrage beyond the final objective. A plan of this will be forwarded. 8 mobile guns will be left at the disposal of the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade and 4 at the disposal of the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
- (b) The 5th Aus. Division is arranging to cover our right flank with M.G. fire and to arrange a S.O.S. barrage to join up with ours in about E.13.c.

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- 7. (a) Special Signal arrangements between the front line and Brigade Headquarters will be arranged by O.C., Div. Signal Company in consultation with Infantry Brigadiers.
- (b) In communicating with Aircraft each man carrying flares will carry a red and a white flare, and will light them together. This is important as the Germans now use our red flares. White flares will be specially issued tomorrow.
- 8. (a) The 9th. Aus. Infantry Brigade, 3rd. Aus. Division will be attacking on left of 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade. Special arrangements for keeping touch with them will be made. Certain men of the 12th. Brigade will be told off to advance with the right of the 9th. Brigade attack and a similar party from them will move with the left of the 12th. Brigade.
- (b) Special junction will be effected at the RED Line at D.18.a.95.80 and at DETECT CROSSING D.12.d.95.10.
- (c) G.O.C., 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will arrange close liaison with G.O.C., 9th. Aus. Infantry Brigade, especially as regards overcoming possible hostile machine guns firing from the line of the Railway.
- 9. 4th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will be Divisional Reserve in and about YPRES.
- 10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*DK Bernard*

Lieut-Colonel.

Issued at 11.30 p.m.

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- Copy No. 1. 4th. Aus. Inf. Bde.
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- 6. C.R.E.
- 7. A.D.A.S. (No Map.)
- 8. D.M.G.O.
- 9. G.O.C.
- 10. G.
- 11. A.Q.
- 12. Div. Signal Company.
- 13. 5th. Aus. Division.
- 15. 1st. ANZAC.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	SHEET.	MAP SQUARE	REMARKS.
DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.	Adv. 28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
" "	Rear	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		I. 7. d. 95. 20.	Infantry Barracks YPRES)
13th Battalion.		I. 7. d. 95. 20.	" "
14th Battalion.		H. 23. b. 8. 8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
15th Battalion.			ESPLANADE SAP.
16th Battalion.		I. 13. a. and c.	CANAL DUGOUTS.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.			ESPLANADE SAP.
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		O. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY.)
45th Battalion.		D. 16. d. 7. 2.	"
46th Battalion.			"
47th Battalion.			"
48th Battalion.			"
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		D. 26. b. 8. 5.	"
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	"
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY.)
49th Battalion.		D. 29. a. 20. 85.	"
50th Battalion.		D. 28. b. 65. 60.	DE KNOET FM.
51st Battalion.		D. 28. b. 55. 95.	"
52nd Battalion.		I. 2. a. 3. 6.	"
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		D. 28. b. 65. 60.	"
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		D. 29. a. 1. 8.	"
4th Aus. Div. Artillery H.Q.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
10th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 16. c. 3. 4.	"
11th A.F.A. Bde.		J. 2. a. 35. 50.	"
4th A.F.A. Bde.		J. 1. d. 35. 30.	"
5th A.F.A. Bde.		G. 29. a. 5. 9.	"
Div. T.M. Officer.		G. 28. b. 5. 5.	"
4th Aus. Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 18. b. 3. 0.	"
2nd Aus. Div. Ammunition Col.		G. 18. c. 6. 8.	"
Div. Engineers H.Q.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. d. 8. 8.	"
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. 5. 5.	ZILLEBEKE AREA.
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Div. Signal Coy.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
24th Aus. M.G. Company.		H. 23. b. 3. 1.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battalion.		I. 13. c. 6. 9.	KRUISSTRAAT.
Div. Train H.Q.	28	H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	" "
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 9. 3.	" "
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
Supply Column.	27	Q. 1. b. 30. 95.	STEENVOORDE.
Railhead.	28	DICKEBUSCH.	"
S.S.O.		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
Pack Transport Troop.		I. 13. b. 5. 5.	YPRES.

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A.D.M.S.	28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	DIV. REST STATION.
12th Aus. Field Amb.		I. 9. c. 6. 6.	MENIN ROAD.
13th Aus. Field Amb.		I. 7. d. 6. 8.	BULLEWAARDE RIDGE.
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section G. 24. e. 0. 5.			
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy. I. 16. a. 1. 1. PIONEER AREA.			
Reinforcement Camp. 27 CAESTRE.			

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

D.A.D.V.S.	28	G. 28. central.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Paymaster.		G. 28. central.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Gas Officer.		G. 28. central.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
D.A.D.O.S.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
D.M.G.O.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
Div. Claims Officer.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
A.P.M.		I. 13. e. 2. 8.	KRUISSTRAAT.

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8. a. m., 12th October, 1917.

Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Sheet.	Map Square 1/40,000.	Remarks.
<b>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS</b>			
Advanced	28	I.14.b.1.8.	RAMPARTS, YPRES.
Rear		H.21.d.6.2.	SMYTH CAMP.
<u>4th. Aus. Inf. Brigade H.Q.</u>		I.7.d.85.20.	Infantry Barracks, YPRES. )
13th. Battalion		I.7.d.85.20.	do. do. )
14th. Battalion		H.23.b.8.8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. )
15th. Battalion		I.7.d.2.1.	ESPLANADE SAP. )
16th. Battalion		I.13.a.5.1.	Canal Dutoits. )
4th. Aus. M.G. Coy.		H.23.b.cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. )
4th. A.L.T.M.B.		I.7.d.2.1.	ESPLANADE SAP. )
<u>12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		D.26.c.1.3.	ROULERS RAILWAY. )
45th. Battalion		D.16.d.8.1.	DARING CROSSING. )
46th. Battalion		D.22.d.5.5.	MOULIN FARM. )
47th. Battalion		D.17.c.6.9.	DABBLE AVENUE. )
48th. Battalion		D.17.c.6.9.	" " )
12th. Aus. M.G. Coy.		D.27.a.2.9.	)
12th. A.L.T.M.Bty.		D.27.a.2.9.	)
<u>13th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		D.26.c.1.3.	ROULERS RAILWAY. )
49th. Battalion		D.29.a.20.85.	)
50th. Battalion		D.28.b.65.60.	DE KNOET FM. )
51st. Battalion		D.28.b.55.95.	)
52nd. Battalion		I.2.a.3.6.	)
13th. Aus. M.G. Coy.		D.28.b.65.60.	)
13th. A.L.T.M.B.		D.29.a.1.8.	)
<u>4th. Aus. Div. Arty. H.Q.</u>		I.14.b.1.8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
10th. A.F.A. Bde.		I.16.c.3.4.	
11th. A.F.A. Bde.		J.2.a.35.50.	
4th. A.F.A. Brigade.		J.1.d.35.30.	
5th. A.F.A. Bde.		G.29.a.5.9.	
Div. T.M. Officer		G.28.b.5.5.	
4th. Aus. Div. Amm. Column		H.18.b.3.0.	
2nd. Div. Amm. Column		G.18.c.6.8.	
<u>3th. Aus. Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		I.14.b.1.8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th. Field Coy.		I.14.d.8.8.	
12th. Field Coy.		I.15.c.5.5.	ZILLEBEKE AREA.
13th. Field Coy.		I.14.b.15.60.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th. Aus. Div. Signal Coy.		Q.14.b.1.8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
24th. Aus. A.G. Coy.		H.23.b.3.1.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th. Aus. Pioneer Btn.		I.13.c.6.9.	KRUISSTRAAT.

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<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>	28. H.15.c.5.8.	PIONEER AREA.
14th. Coy., A.A.S.C.	H.15.c.5.8.	B "
7th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	H.15.d.3.7.	" "
26th. Coy., A.A.S.C.	H.15.d.9.3.	" "
27th. Coy., A.A.S.C.	H.15.d.3.7.	" "
Supply Column	27. Q.1.b.30.95.	STEENVOORDE.
Railhead	28. DICKEBUSCH.	
S.S.O.	H.15.c.5.8.	PIONEER AREA.
Pack Transport Troop.	I.13.b.5.5.	YPRES.
<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	28. I.14.b.1.8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th. Aus. Field Amb.	G.21.c.5.8.	DIV. REST STATION.
12th. Aus. Field Amb.	I.9.c.6.6.	MENIN ROAD.
13th. Aus. Field Amb.	I.7.d.6.8.	YPRES.
4th. Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.	G.24.c.0.5.	
4th. Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.	I.16.a.1.1.	PIONEER AREA.
Reinforcement Camp	27. CAESTRE.	
<u>Divisional Units.</u>		
D.M.G.O.	28. I.14.b.1.8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
A.P.M.	I.13.c.2.8.	KRUISSTRAAT.
D.A.D.V.S.	G.28. Central	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Paymaster	G.28. Central	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Gas Officer	G.28. Central	HORSESHOE CAMP.
D.A.D.O.S.	H.21.d.6.2.	SMYTH CAMP.
Div. Claims Officer	H.21.d.6.2.	SMYTH CAMP.

*L. Craig Capt.*  
for.

Major-General,  
Commanding 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8. a. m., 13th October, 1917.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 179.

From 6.a.m. 11th October to 6.a.m. 12th October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

At 5.25.a.m. this morning, the left Brigade in co-operation with the Division on our left attacked and secured their RED Line. The position as regards the BLUE Line is still obscure. Until 4.p.m. this afternoon 10 prisoners had reached left Brigade H.Q.

Artillery. During yesterday our Artillery was active on BUSY WOOD and on pill boxes along the ROULERS Railway embankment. During the night roads and approaches were kept under fire.

Aircraft. Our planes were active yesterday 'spotting' for our Artillery.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

The following identifications have been secured from prisoners who have reached Left Brigade H.Q. -

8th Jager Regt., 233rd R.I.R. ----- 195th Division.  
 449th I.R., 358th Pioneer Coy. ----- 233rd Division.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

The enemy's reply to our barrage today was feeble - most of the fire being confined to area between the SUPPORT and RESERVE lines. During yesterday enemy artillery fire was heavy on BROODSEINDE RIDGE. The valley in front of TOKIO was consistently shelled throughout the period. Enemy heavies were active on road in D.27.a. Between 5.30.p.m. and 6.p.m. KIT and KAT was heavily shelled by 4.2's.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy machine guns were active at D.23.d.4.1.

SIGNALLING.

When enemy artillery dropped short yesterday, a flare bursting in 2 yellow stars was sent up when our barrage opened up this morning enemy put up 2 green, followed by 2 red rockets.

Stanley Roguski  
 1st Lieut-Colonel,  
 G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 190.From 6.a.m. 12th October to 6.a.m. 13th October, 1917.NOT to be taken into the Front Line.OUR OPERATIONS.

Any advance forward of the RED Line yesterday was prevented by heavy M.G. and rifle fire from EDDY TRENCH SYSTEM and VIENNA COTTAGES. At 4.p.m. a counter attack by the enemy on the RED Line from the direction of DROOGENBROODHOEK was driven off. Later a heavy counter attack drove in the troops on our left and our troops were forced to fall back on our original line. 1 Officer and 46 other ranks were known to have been captured. Other prisoners taken were delivered to Cage of Corps on our left.

Artillery. During yesterday periodic bursts were fired on roads and approaches, on reports of enemy movement. Places where enemy was reported to be massing were systematically searched. During the night particular attention was paid to DROOGENBROODHOEK and MORSLEDE Roads.

Patrols. A patrol which went out from D.23.b.4.9. to outskirts of BUSY WOOD report no enemy movement. A patrol moved from D.23.a.1.2. to D.23.b.6.7. and back to D.23.a.1.6. was fired on by M.G. and snipers from D.23.b.6.7.

Aircraft. During intervals of good visibility our planes were very active. One of our planes was brought down in the area of Division on our right near ANZAC.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

A prisoner of 56th R.I.R., 220th Division, was captured near DAIRY WOOD early this morning.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

There was no heavy response to our barrage yesterday, but 8" howitzer guns were active all day.

During the afternoon and night our front and support lines were shelled by 77's, 4.2's, 5.9's. Between 5.0 and 6.p.m. D.26.c. was heavily shelled. At 5.15.a.m. this morning, enemy heavily shelled ridge in vicinity of J.5.a.9.5., WESTHOEK RIDGE was shelled all night by 4.2 H.V. gun and 5.9" howitzer.

MOVEMENT.

30 men were seen in vicinity of D.18.b.7.2. Movement was observed in small parties near FLINTE FARM, D.29.b.7.3. throughout the day. Movement at the following places was engaged by our artillery - CROSS ROADS E.13.a.1.0., E.19.a.9.7., Road to D.29.b.7.0. to D.30.a.0.1

DEFENCES.

Machine Guns. Extremely active in vicinity of VIENNA COTTAGES and EDDY TRENCH system (E.13.a. and c.).

Battery An enemy battery at K.1.d.90.85. was silenced by a 4.5" How.  
Battery.

Aircraft. Hostile planes were very active at intervals. Enemy appeared to be directing his artillery with balloon observation.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.

<u>UNIT.</u>				
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS</u>	Adv.	28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
	Rear.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			I. 7. d. 85. 20.	INFANTRY BARRACKS. YPRES.
13th Battalion.			I. 7. d. 85. 20.	" "
14th Battalion.			D. 22. d. 5. 5.	MOULIN FARM.
15th Battalion.				WESTHOEK RIDGE.
16th Battalion.			I. 13. c. 4. 9.	CANAL DUGOUTS.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.			I. 7. d. 2. 2.	ESPLANADE SAP.
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY.
45th Battalion.			I. 7. d. 2. 2.	ESPLANADE SAP.
46th Battalion.			I. 8. d.	YPRES.
47th Battalion.			D. 17. c. 6. 9.	DABBLE AVENUE.
48th Battalion.			D. 17. c. 6. 9.	" "
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.			D. 27. a. 2. 9.	
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.			D. 27. a. 2. 9.	
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY.
49th Battalion.			H. 23. b. 8. 8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
50th Battalion.			D. 29. a. 20. 85.	
51st Battalion.			D. 28. b. 55. 95.	
52nd Battalion.			J. 2. a. 3. 6.	SANS SOUCI.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			D. 28. b. 65. 60.	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.			D. 29. a. 1. 8.	
<u>4th Aus. Div. Artillery. H.Q.</u>			I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
10th A.F.A. Bde.			I. 16. c. 3. 4.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.			J. 2. a. 35. 50.	
4th A.F.A. Bde.			J. 1. d. 35. 30.	
5th A.F.A. Bde.			G. 29. a. 5. 9.	
Div. T.M. Officer.			G. 28. b. 5. 5.	
4th Aus. Div. Ammunition Col.			H. 18. b. 3. 0.	
2nd			G. 18. c. 6. 8.	
<u>4th Aus. Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>			I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Field Coy.			I. 14. d. 8. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.			I. 15. c. 5. 5.	ZILLEBEKE AREA.
13th Aus. Field Coy.			I. 14. b. 15. 50.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Div. Sig. Coy.			I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.			H. 23. b. 3. 1.	BELGIAN CHATEAU.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.			H. 10. d. 25. 50.	WHITE CHATEAU.
<u>Div. Train H.Q.</u>			H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	28		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	" "
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.			H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.			H. 15. d. 9. 3.	" "
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.			H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
Supply Column.	27		Q. 1. b. 30. 95.	STEENVOORDE.
Railhead.	28		DICKEBUSCH.	
S.S.O.			H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
Pack Transport Troop.			I. 13. b. 5. 5.	YPRES.

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<u>A.D.M.S.</u>	28.	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	DIV. REST STATION.
12th Aus. Field Amb.		I. 9. c. 6. 6.	MENIN ROAD.
13th Aus. Field Amb.		I. 7. d. 6. 8.	YPRES.
4th Mob. Vet Section.		G. 24. c. 0. 5.	
4th Div. Salvage Coy.		I. 16. a. 1. 1.	Pioneer Area.
Reinforcement Camp.	27	CAESTRE.	

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

D.M.G.O.	28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
A.P.M.		I. 13. c. 2. 8.	KRUISSTRAAT.
D.A.D.V.S.		G. 28. cent.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Paymaster.		G. 28. cent.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Gas Officer.		G. 28. cent.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
D.A.D.O.S.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
Div. Claims Officer.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.

*L. Craig. Capt.*  
*for.*

8. a. m., 14th October, 1917.

Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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SECRET.Copy No. 204th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 15.Headquarters,  
13th. OCTOBER, 1917.Reference map 1/10,000.

1. Reliefs will take place as per table overleaf.
2. All arrangements for relief of the 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade by the 4th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will be made by the Brigadiers concerned and command will pass on completion of relief which will be notified to Divisional Headquarters.
3. In the relief of M.G. Companies the Divisional Machine Gun Officer will ensure that the S.O.S. barrage line is maintained.
4. G.O.C. 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will arrange to rest one Battalion at a time at BELGIAN CHATEAU Camp H.23.b.8.8.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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TABLE OF MOVES.

DATE.	UNIT.	FROM.	TO.	REMARKS.
Oct. 13 ) 13/14)	2 Battalions 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.	YPRES AREA.	Support and Reserve. Left Sector.	
	2 Battalions 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	Support and Reserve Left Sector.	YPRES AREA.	
Oct. 14 ) 14/15)	4th Aus. Inf. Bde. (Less 2 Battns)	YPRES AREA.	Left Sector.	
	12th Aus. Inf. Bde. (Less 2 Batt ns)	Left Sector.	YPRES AREA.	
Oct. 15 ) 15/16)	24th Aus. M.G. Coy. H. 23. b.		LINE	In relief of 13th Aus. M.G. Company.
	15th Aus. M.G. Coy.	LINE.	H. 23. b.	

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 181.

From 6.a.m. 13th October to 6.a.m. 14th October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Artillery.

Registration was carried out, on our new S.O.S. lines. At 6.49 a.m. a G.F. Call for a train at E.3.b.0.7. was taken up by a Howitzer battery. During the registration of a 4.5" battery on trenches in E.13.a., a party of 50 enemy was dislodged. These scattered in all directions and were engaged to good effect by machine guns. Small parties of the enemy at D.18.a.6.5. were dispersed by our Artillery. The usual harassing fire was carried out during the night.

Aircraft.

During the intervals of good visibility our planes were active, assisting the 'heavies' in back area shoots.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Enemy Artillery was normally active. Between 9 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. a 4.2. battery heavily shelled BROODSEINDE RIDGE, D.26.c. was shelled by all calibres up to 8" from 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. At 3 p.m. an 11" shell obtained a direct hit on an 18 pdr. in J.2.a. - J.2.a. and b. were shelled by 5.9's between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. BROODSEINDE, ROMULUS WOOD and ZONNEBEKE Valley were also shelled. At 5 p.m. enemy commenced shelling the front and support lines of the left Brigade. This was continued till midnight when fire was intensified. At daylight this morning hostile planes flew low over our lines and a barrage was placed down on our front line and 100 yards to the rear.

HOSTILE DEFENCES.

Artillery. 77's are reported active in the vicinity of PASSCHENDAELE. Machine Guns. Hostile machine guns were very active during the night, on our front line and on the ZONNEBEKE - BROODSEINDE - PASSCHENDAELE Road. Guns in the North of BUSY WOOD at ASSYRIA (D.18.b.0.1.) and at D.18.a.15.05. were active. A M.G. is also suspected at D.18.d.7.7.

HOSTILE MOVEMENT.

The trenches in E.13.a. are occupied. Movement was seen along hedges in E.13.c., D.18.a. and at E.19.d.1.9.. A structure at E.13.central is apparently used as an O.P.. At 3 p.m. a hostile working party of 10 was seen at D.18.d.6.7. At 4 p.m. a hostile party of 7 near "pill box" at D.23.d.6.3. was dispersed by Lewis Gun fire.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Enemy planes were extremely active flying low over our lines and at times firing on garrison. One enemy balloon was up from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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

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EXTRACT FROM SECOND ARMY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 817. 101070 108

13th October, 1917.

FEATURES OF YESTERDAY'S OPERATIONS.

Apart from the influence of adverse conditions of weather and ground during yesterday's operations, there are several features in connection with the enemy's action which attract attention.

The manner in which the enemy handled his machine-guns was significant, especially about BELLEVUE and the MERTCHEELE Spur, and is probably a measure of the extent to which he put into effect his new front line defensive policy. The massing of machine guns and their intensity of fire was pronounced, while the promptness which some of them opened at Zero seems to indicate a very alert defence, which was yesterday more marked than at any period of the present operations.

The action of the enemy's artillery does not present any particular feature except one departure from their previous custom. Their barrage and return fire in the early part of the day was almost wholly from their field Artillery, and it was not until the afternoon that their heavy artillery came into serious action. This appears to indicate the employment of their lightweights more in conjunction with their front line defence and the retention of the heavier for more serious counter-attacks after our positions have been determined. There are signs too that the more mobile of their heavy guns were moved even during the day to conform to our advance, and probably are told off to definite tasks depending on our objectives. It is possible also that economy in ammunition had some influence on this policy as well.

The enemy's defences also presented a new feature in the sudden wiring up of "pill boxes" with new apron wire thought to have been put up in during the past few nights. His organization of the trenches about BELLEVUE for defence seemed to have been thorough despite our repeated bombardments.

The very active movement of troops and transport about the areas known to be occupied by Counter-attack Divisions was particularly noticeable quite early in the day, and notwithstanding the difficulties of aerial observation, this movement appears to have been greater than that observed in any of the recent operations. This is the more noteworthy because up to the present there has been no report received of a serious counter-attack of large dimensions on any part of yesterday's battle front. The inference to be drawn seems to be that, while the enemy was preparing early in the day against the demand for a large counter-attack, he still awaited definite information as to the extent of the penetration. As is known, this did not materialize, and he probably recognised that the operation had a limited objective similar to its predecessors.

The enemy's dispositions presented no new features beyond the presence of the 5th Bav. Res. Div. (From ST. MIHIEL), which was reported to be in reserve beyond PASSCHENDAELE. The noteworthy thing, however, is the continued disorganization and confusion that is apparent by the mixture of Units, there being instances reported of various Pioneer and Minenwerfer units being brought up hurriedly and thrown into the line as Infantry.

As to counter-attacks, none seem to have developed except one by a local battalion reserve in the morning - probably of the 8th Jäger Regt, - which tried to stop our advance in the high crest of the Ridge astride the BROODSEINDE - PASSCHENDAELE Road. If the large assembly of troops in shell-holes East and South-East of PASSCHENDAELE seen by aerial reconnaissance at 1.20 was meant for counter-attack, they were not put in, perhaps either because too severely shelled by our Artillery or held back too late in the afternoon.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 182.

From 6.a.m. 14th October to 6.a.m. 15th October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Post. A Post was established this morning in CHINA WOOD at D.24.c.1.1.

Artillery. Our Artillery was fairly quiet during the period. At 2.p.m. a practice barrage was put down on S.O.S. lines. Hostile batteries were engaged at the following places - E.20.d.52.47., E.27.a.45.50., E.28.c.1.1., E.21.c.42.20., E.21.c.55.50

Patrols. A patrol from D.23.d.1.7. proceeded East for 300 yards and then S.E. for 600 yards returning to our lines. D.29.b.05.95. No enemy were encountered but when the patrol was at D.30.b.3.8. flares were sent up 300 yards to their front. The enemy was shelling ground round E.25.a.1.8. An Officer's patrol passed through BUSY WOOD from N. to S. and another patrol moved 200 yards to the East of DAISY WOOD. Neither of these came in contact with the enemy.

Aircraft. During the afternoon our planes were active, directing Artillery fire. At 3.30.p.m. one of our planes, attacked by 4 E.A. was forced to land at D.18.b.30.55. The Pilot and Observer were seen to be led away by the enemy.

ENEMY ARTILLERY.

Enemy's Artillery has been particularly active during the period, especially during the night, when shelling was very heavy, a large number of gas shells being used forward of WESTHOEK RIDGE. During the day D.26.b., HANNEBEEK, WESTHOEK RIDGE were shelled by 'heavies'. An 8" Howitzer shelled J.2.a., and b. from 9.a.m. to 10.p.m. without doing any damage. 8" were also used in the vicinity of Brigade Headquarters (D.26.c.1.3.). During the night particular attention was paid to ZONNEBEKE, Sunken Road & D.16.d.8.1. YPRES - ROULERS Railway. Most of the fire came from direction of HORSLEDE. From 2.a.m. to 6.a.m. N. end of WESTHOEK RIDGE, CHAPEL and RECTORY were heavily shelled with 5.9 gas shells.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Enemy planes were extremely active yesterday. Large number of GOTHA planes were in evidence and bombs were dropped on WESTHOEK Ridge and on SQUARE at YPRES. At 12.40.p.m. 10 GOTHA planes flew over YPRES, 5 more crossed our lines at 2.45.p.m. A hostile plane was shot down near POLYGON WOOD at 9.15.a.m. 2 Hostile Balloons were up opposite our Sector practically throughout the whole of the day.

HOSTILE MOVEMENT.

A hostile patrol of 8 men, seen at dawn ear D.17.d.9.9. was dispersed by Lewis Guns. Snipers were active at D.18.a.1.4.

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EXTRACT FROM SECOND ARMY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 818

14th October, 1917.

ENEMY'S TACTICS.

All reports received agree that the volume and intensity of the machine gun fire encountered by our troops on the 12th were far heavier than on any recent battle day, a fact which points to a radical change in the enemy's machine gun tactics.

Machine gunners from five different Divisions, captured on the 9th and 12th instant, confirm the change of policy mentioned above. From their statements it appears that the distribution of the '08 pattern machine guns in a regimental sector was, generally speaking, as follows :-

(a)	In or immediately behind front line ...	6 - 8	(regimental)
(b)	In support position ...	6 - 8	(regimental)
(c)	In the intermediate ground between ...	12	(M.G. Marksman det.)
	(a) and (b)		

Total            24 - 28

In some cases additional guns from the regimental machine gun companies were used in place of guns from the machine gun marksman detachments; in one case, guns from the latter were sent forward into the intermediate position (c) on the evening of the 11th/12th, as an attack was feared.

The above dispositions are in conformity with the principles laid down in the secret order of the 40th Infantry Brigade, published in 2nd Army Summary of the 11th October, Part II, especially as regards forming a dense machine gun barrage, such as that experienced on the 12th.

QUALITY OF GERMAN DIVISIONS.

An order of the 6th German Army, dated 16.5.17, lays down that each Group Headquarters is to render a weekly report on its divisions under the following headings :-

- Degree of training.
- Condition of health.
- General information regarding casualties.

At the end of this report, the divisions were to be classified as under :-

- (a) Fully efficient for a defensive battle on any sector of the front.
- (b) Fully efficient for employment in present sector.
- (c) In need of relief, or in need of .... week's rest.
- (d) Only fit for trench warfare.

The order goes on to say that the wishes of the troops are not to be consulted as regards their classification; a conscientious estimate of their actual condition is to be made by the divisional commander and the Group Headquarters.

It should be noted that the Germans on the Western Front do not classify any of their divisions as "suitable for employment in offensive operations".

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	SHEET	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	Adv. Rear	28 <sup>1</sup> I. 14. b. 1. 8. H. 21. d. 6. 2.	RAMPARTS YPRES.) SMYTH CAMP. )
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY)
13th Battalion.		D. 17. c. 55. 80.	WESTHOEK RIDGE) LEFT BRIGADE
14th Battalion.			DASH CROSSING. ) IN LINE.
15th Battalion.			WESTHOEK RIDGE) IN LINE.
16th Battalion.		D. 27. a. 2. 9.	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		D. 27. a. 2. 9.	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		I. 7. d. 85. 20.	INFANTRY BARRACKS YPRES.)
45th Battalion.		I. 7. d. 2. 2.	ESPLANADE SAP. ) RESERVE BRIGADE
46th Battalion.		I. 8. d.	YPRES. )
47th Battalion.			BELGIAN CHATEAU. )
48th Battalion.		I. 7. d. 85. 20.	INFANTRY BARRACKS YPRES.)
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. )
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		I. 7. d. 2. 2.	ESPLANADE SAP. )
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY. ) RIGHT BRIGADE
49th Battalion.		H. 23. b. 8. 8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. ) IN LINE.
50th Battalion.		D. 28. b. 65. 60.	
51st Battalion.		D. 28. b. 55. 95.	
52nd Battalion.		J. 2. a. 3. 6.	SANS SOUCI. )
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. 3. 1.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. )
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		D. 29. a. 3. 9.	
<u>4th Aus. Div. Artillery. H.Q.</u>		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
10th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 16. c. 3. 4.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		J. 2. a. 35. 50.	
4th A.F.A. Bde.		J. 1. d. 35. 30.	
5th A.F.A. Bde.		G. 29. a. 5. 9.	
Div. T.M. Officer.		G. 28. b. 5. 5.	
4th Aus. Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 18. b. 3. 0.	
2nd Aus. Div. Ammunition Col.		G. 18. c. 6. 8.	
<u>4th Aus. Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		H. 14. d. 9. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. 5. 5.	ZILLEBEKE AREA.
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Div. Sig. Coy.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
24th Aus. M.G. Coy.		D. 27. d. 8. 8.	TOKIO.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.		I. 10. c. 2. 5.	WHITE CHATEAU.
<u>4th Aus. Div. Train. H.Q.</u>		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	" "
15th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 9. 3.	" "
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
Supply Column.		G. 22. d. 5. 4.	HOOGRAAF.
Railhead.		DICKEBUSCH.	
S. S. O.		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
Pack Transport Troop.		I. 13. b. 5. 5.	YPRES.

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A.D.M.S.	28.	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Amb.		G. 21. c. 5. 8.	DIV. REST STATION.
12th Aus. Field Amb.		I. 9. c. 6. 6.	MENIN ROAD.
13th Aus. Field Amb.		I. 7. d. 6. 8.	YPRES.

4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section.	G. 24. c. 0. 5.	
4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.	I. 16. a. 1. 1.	PIONEER AREA.

Reinforcement Camp. 27 CAESTRE.

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

D.M.G.O.	28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
A.P.M.		I. 13. c. 2. 8.	KRUISSTRAAT.
D.A.D.V.S.		G. 28. cent.	HORSESHOE CAMP.
Div. Paymaster.		G. 28. cent.	" "
Div. Gas Officer.		G. 28. cent.	" "
D.A.D.O.S.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
Div. Claims Officer.		H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.

*L. Craig bapt for.*

Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8. a. m., 15th October, 1917.

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SECRET.24 Appendix No. 24  
War Diary  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	SHEET	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	Adv. 28	I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
	Rear	H. 21. d. 6. 2.	SMYTH CAMP.
<u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY
13th Battalion.		J. 1. c. 7. 1.	WESTHOEK RIDGE. } LEFT
14th Battalion.		D. 16. d. 8. 1.	BRIGADE
15th Battalion.		D. 22. d. 4. 5.	MOULIN FARM } IN
16th Battalion.		D. 30. d. 9. 6.	WESTHOEK RIDGE. } LINE.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		D. 27. c. 3. 5.	DRAUGHT HOUSE. }
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.		D. 27. c. 3. 5.	" }
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		I. 17. d. 85. 20.	INFANTRY BARRACKS YPRES. )
45th Battalion.		I. 7. d. 2. 2.	ESPLANADE SAP. )
46th Battalion.		I. 8. d.	YPRES. ) RESERVE
47th Battalion.		I. 13. c. 4. 9.	CANAL DUGOUTS. )
48th Battalion.		I. 7. d. 85. 20.	INFANTRY BARRACKS YPRES. ) BRIGADE.
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. cent.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. }
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		I. 7. d. 65. 05.	ESPLANADE SAP. }
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		D. 26. c. 1. 3.	ROULERS RAILWAY )
49th Battalion.		H. 23. b. 8. 8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. } RIGHT
50th Battalion.		D. 28. b. 65. 60.	BRIGADE
51st Battalion.		J. 2. a. 3. 8.	IN
52nd Battalion.		D. 28. b. 55. 95.	LINE. }
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		H. 23. b. 8. 8.	BELGIAN CHATEAU. }
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		D. 29. a. 3. 9.	" }
<u>4th Aus. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
10th A.F.A. Bde.		I. 16. c. 3. 4.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		J. 2. a. 35. 50.	
4th A.F.A. Bde.		J. 1. d. 35. 30.	
5th A.F.A. Bde.		G. 29. a. 5. 9.	
Div. T.M. Officer.		G. 28. b. 5. 5.	
4th Aus. Div. Ammunition Col.		H. 18. b. 3. 0.	
2nd Div. Ammunition Col.		G. 18. c. 6. 8.	
<u>4th Aus. Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		H. 14. d. 9. 8.	
12th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 15. c. 5. 5.	ZILLEBEKE AREA.
13th Aus. Field Coy.		I. 14. b. 15. 50.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
4th Aus. Div. Sig. Coy.		I. 14. b. 1. 8.	RAMPARTS YPRES.
24th Aus. M.G. Company.		D. 27. d. 7. 7.	TOKIO.
4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.		I. 10. c. 2. 5.	WHITE CHATEAU.
<u>4th Aus. Div. Train.</u>		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	PIONEER AREA.
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. c. 5. 8.	" "
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 9. 3.	" "
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		H. 15. d. 3. 7.	" "
Supply Column.		G. 32. d. 5. 4.	HOOGRAAF.

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Railhead.  
S. S. O.  
Pack Transport Troop.

28 DICKEBUSCH.  
H. 15. c. 5. 8.  
I. 13. b. 5. 5.

PIONEER AREA.  
YPRES.

A. D. M. S.

4th Aus. Field Amb.  
12th Aus. Field Amb.  
13th Aus. Field Amb.

I. 14. b. 1. 8.  
G. 21. c. 5. 8.  
I. 9. c. 6. 6.  
I. 7. d. 6. 8.

RAMPARTS YPRES.  
DIV. REST STATION.  
MENIN ROAD.  
YPRES.

4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section. G. 24. c. 0. 5.

4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy. H. 16. a. 1. 1.

PIONEER AREA.

Reinforcement Camp. 27 CAESTRE.

DIVISIONAL UNITS.

D. M. G. O.  
A. P. M.  
D. A. D. V. S.  
Div. Paymaster.  
Div. Gas Officer.  
D. A. D. O. S.  
Div. Claims Officer.

28 I. 14. b. 1. 8.  
I. 13. c. 2. 8.  
G. 28. cent.  
G. 28. cent.  
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H. 21. d. 6. 2.  
H. 21. d. 6. 2.

RAMPARTS YPRES.  
KROISSIRAAN.  
HORSESHOE CAMP.  
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" "  
SMYTH CAMP.  
SMYTH CAMP.

*L. Longig Capt  
for.*

Major-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

8. a. m., 16th October, 1917.

4th AUST.  
Supply Column  
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 183.

From 6.a.m. 15th October to 6.a.m. 16th October, 1917.

NOT to be taken into the Front line.

OUR OPERATIONS.

Numerous patrols were sent out through the day and night to gain touch with the enemy, who has withdrawn towards the KEIBERG SPUR. The general line reached by our patrols is as following - Just East of CHINA WOOD (D.24.c.) - D.24.d.4.6. - D.24.a.8.2. - D.18.c.8.2. - D.18.a.45.55. Apparently the enemy has withdrawn to the KEIBERG SPUR, and has posts out to the front. Our post at D.24.c.1.1. was withdrawn yesterday

Artillery. The Divisional Artillery carried out neutralizing fire on forward enemy batteries. The ground in the vicinity of ASSYRIA was harassed by 18-pounders and 4.5's during the day.

Aircraft. Our aero aeroplanes were very active. Several engagements took place, apparently without result. with enemy aircraft

Patrols.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Route.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
9.30.a.m. 16th.	To CHINA WOOD, examined whole of WOOD.	Wood clear of enemy.
7.30.p.m. to 10.30.p.m. 15th.	D.23.d.1.6, along DE MISPELAERE CABT. Road for 900 yards.	Patrol was fired on by hostile M.G. Enemy was shelling small trench about 700 yards in front of our present line.
10.40.p.m.	D.23.d.2.5. D.23.d.9.8. - D.24.c.5.9. TABLE WOOD - D.24.d.2.9. D.24.d.4.6.	When at D.24.d.4.6. patrol opened a burst of rifle fire towards E.19.cent. This was answered by M.G. and Rifle fire from E.19.c.5.7.
7.30.p.m. to 12.45.a.m.	D.23.b.2. <sup>2</sup> - D.24.a.2.7. - D.24.a.3.7. - D.24.a.5.2. - D.23.b.2.5.	BUSY WOOD is very wet, all the shell-holes being full of water. Voices of the enemy were heard when patrol was at D.24.a.2.7., but enemy disappeared when patrol followed.
6.p.m. 10.15.p.m.	D.17.d.6.2. - RHINE - D.16.a.8.2.	Got in touch with enemy near ASSYRIA. Enemy appears to hold line in strength about 80 yards West of ASSYRIA.
7.p.m. 3.a.m.	D.17.b.5.1. - D.18.a.6.2. - D.18.a.45.55.	Ground very muddy - Almost impassable.

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY.

Very active during the period. Gas shells were again fired from 12 midnight to 5 a.m. in D.26., J.1., and J.2. The gas used has a strong smell of onions and affects the Throughout the day enemy shelling was continuous on front line, BROODSEINDE RIDGE and the Valley to the West of the Ridge. From 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. KIT and KAT was shelled by a 5.9 Howitzer from the East. From 10 a.m. to Noon, Road in D.25. and 26 was shelled by 5.9's and 4.2's. From Noon to 3 p.m. ZONNEBEKE was shelled by all natures. An 8" Howitzer on a T.S.B. of 68° from D.27. a. 90.45. and 71° 31' from D.29. a. 95.35. intermittently shelled D.28. a. and D.26. c. was periodically shelled with 4.2, 5.9 and 8", 400 rounds being fired. 8" Howitzers were firing from direction of DADIZEELE.

HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

Enemy planes were again very active, offensive patrols frequently operating between front line and WESTHOEK. Bombs, dropped in J.2. a. at 11.30 a.m. caused casualties. 30 bombs were dropped in J.2. at 6.15 p.m. E.A. used M.G. at times against troops. Six enemy balloons were up during the day.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

Wire and trenches can be seen on ridge in E.13.

HOSTILE MOVEMENT.

Enemy was seen moving in twos and threes on reverse slopes of ridge in E.13. c. Good targets for Lewis Guns were obtained at intervals in vicinity at DECLINE COPSE and near YPRES - ROULERS Railway. At 5 p.m. a number of enemy with full equipment were seen at D.18. a. 7.6. These were effectively dealt with by Lewis Guns. A working party at D.18. a. 8.5. were engaged by Lewis Guns. Shortly afterwards stretcher-bearers under white flag carried away 10 wounded.

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

8 p.m.  
 10.15 p.m.  
 7 p.m.  
 3 a.m.

APPENDIX TO 4th AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 183.From SECOND ARMY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 819.15th October, 1917.MACHINE GUNS.

Several British Officers wounded on the 12th state that machine-gun fire had been encountered from tree positions.

IDENTIFICATION.195th Div.

Prisoners of both 233rd R.I.R. and 8th Jäger Regt. state that the 195th Div. was to be transferred to the ITALIAN Front. For this purpose the strength of the division was made up and the guns of the division had been given extra horses. Light mountain G.S. wagons had been issued. The Division was to be turned into Alpine troops. The situation in FLANDERS caused the 195th Div. to be hastily transferred to the battle area. Prisoners think that another division was sent in their place.

CAPTURED DOCUMENT.

Extracts from a captured document issued by the 11th Division (dated 30th June 1917) relating to experiences of the Division in the Battle of MESSINES are attached.

This Division was evidently intended to have been used as a Counter-Attack Division, but the experience does not seem to have been satisfactory. The Division was alarmed in the MOORSLEDE area at 4.a.m. on the 7th June and complaint is made that the troops were over-fatigued and in consequence depressed before arriving at their destination, about which contrary orders had been given.

Complaint is also made that the Higher Command stripped the Division of certain <sup>essential</sup> troops and that the maps issued all differed, and also that communications were bad.

Guns appear to have been left behind by the Artillery of the Division previously in the sector taken over, and these had to be salvaged by the incoming Infantry.

The concrete dugouts had been blown up by instructions and therefore no protection was left for the Infantry.

From the foregoing and the description contained in attached of the state of the Infantry belonging to other divisions which had borne the brunt of the fight, it would appear that, at one period, the enemy was quite demoralized, and from the statement that the bridges over the Canal were blown up it would suggest that for some time he expected us to continue our advance.

EXPERIENCES FROM THE BATTLE IN THE WYTSCHAETE SALIENT.7th to 28th June, 1917.

**NOTE:** This Division came into the line East of WYTSCHAETE about June 7th and 8th, reinforcing the sector held by the 7th and 24th Divisions after the Battle of MESSINES. These experiences appear to form a memo issued by the Division for the information and instruction of lower formations, but it seems to have been given a much wider distribution subsequently, as this copy was used by the 4th Guard Division under date of July 9th to issue to its lower formations.

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APPENDIX TO

FROM

PRINCIPLES IN THE USE OF COUNTER-ATTACK DIVISION.

Task of Division is to fall on an enemy which has broken through the divisions in the line and drive him back to his own lines.

Counter-attack must take place before enemy has had time to consolidate his position.

Counter-attack division not to be split up for small operations. Assembly to be as far forward as possible but not under fire.

Task is a reckless offensive.

Officers must be trained in open warfare and especially in regard to communications.

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The division had not been able to practise open warfare. The divisional Cavalry was greatly missed.

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The Counter-Attack Division must be fresh when it is put in. Actually the position on the 7th June was that the Division, after being alarmed at 4 a.m. in the neighbourhood of MOORSLEDE and DADIZEELE and being the whole day on the march, was ordered at 11 p.m. to occupy the III position West of HOUTHEN, then at 11.40 p.m. came the order to fill up the gaps somewhere between GROENSLINDE and WAMBEKE.

Two battalions, the whole squadron of cavalry and the 1st Howitzer Abteilung were withdrawn from the division. Telephone communication only partly established. Connection between Brigade and Regiments only possible by motor cars. The few maps which were available all differed. New maps were at first not to be obtained. Certain units placed directly under the orders of the higher command, which was noticeably inconvenient for the handling of a Division.

Difficulties arose through the repeated alterations of orders regarding the line to be held and the boundaries. Apart from losses, over-fatigued and lowering of the morale, no tactical damage was done as the enemy did not disturb or attack us whilst regrouping.

FIGHTING IN THE LINE.

Infantry. A chain of posts was thrown forward in front of our foremost line. No fixed line, but in shell-holes to avoid losses. This found very practical. The fighting battalions had the smallest losses since the enemy artillery had no targets in the shell-hole area. Not detrimental to the regulation of the barrage. The support and reserve battalions often lay under heavy fire. Almost the whole infantry of the Division had to be put in without protection against weather or enemy fire since, owing to the heavy losses, the fighting strengths were extraordinarily small.

Dugouts for regimental, Battalion and Artillery Group Headquarter were available. It is regretted that many concrete dugouts, which were in the battle area, were blown up and totally destroyed by order of the Group. Likewise canal bridges were ordered to be destroyed, the re-erection of which caused a great amount of work. The salvaging of the numerous guns, ammunition and other material, which were left behind, made great demands on the troops. Special troops must be placed at disposal for this kind of salvage work. The fighting troops, already fully occupied, cannot undertake it. Battery Commanders must be compelled to leave a report, before they retire, stating quantity and position of the material to be salvaged.

Artillery. Concrete dugouts were not prepared for artillery and observation posts in rearward positions. Mining (for dugouts) was only possible to the depth of one metre in the whole area.

Therefore heavy losses to rank and file and munitions through the enemy's destructive fire.

The pushing forward of mobile field artillery units for special work has been found to be useful.

The counter-battery work suffered from want of guns.

COVERED SHOULDER STRAPS.

The division had to fill in a gap between two other divisions. Numerous men detached from their divisions sorely tried by the English attack, were found in the craters. The relief, collection and sending back of these men, who were exceedingly badly shaken, was made increasingly difficult by reason of the coverings up of the shoulder straps.



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