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First ANZAC Corps,

1st April, 1917.

ADDENDUM TO FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 119.

1. In continuation of First ANZAC Corps Order No. 119, dated 30th March, 1917, and in reference to para. 4, zero hour will be five-fifteen (5.15) a.m. on April 2nd.

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

R.H. Osborne Cap^cfor Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.DISTRIBUTION -

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To</u>
1-2	Fifth Army
3	5th Brigade, R.F.C.
4	XV Corps
5	V Corps
6	4th Cavalry Division
7	1st Aust. Division
8	2nd Aust. Division
9-10	4th Aust. Division
11-12	5th Aust. Division
13	B. G., H. A.
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15	No. 3 Squadron, R.F.C.
16	No. 4 Squadron, R.F.C.
17	No. 13 Balloon Company
18	No. 17 Balloon Company
19	G. O. C.
20	G. O. C. R. A.
21	"A"
22	"Q"
23	A. D. Signals
24	D. D. M. S.
25	"I(g)"

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To</u>
26	Corps M.G. Officer
27	C. E.
28	A. P. M.
29	O. C. File
30	Corr. File
31	War Diary
32-40	Retained.

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First ANZAC Corps,
1st April, 1917.ADDENDUM TO FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 120.

With reference to First ANZAC Corps Order No. 120 of 30th March, 1917.

1. "M" area is allotted to the 5th Australian Division on relief from the forward area. The G. O. C. 5th Australian Division will be responsible for the organization of the second line defences in "M" area and for the provision of nucleus garrisons for such defences.

2. As a temporary measure that portion of "M" area enclosed by O.10.c.66 - O.2.a.99 - N.12.c.00 - N.24.b.62 will be made available by the 5th Australian Division for the accommodation of troops of the 1st Australian Division.

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

P. H. Hoare
for: Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

(To all recipients of First ANZAC Corps Order No. 120).

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W. H. Hoare

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First ANZAC Corps.

3rd April, 1917.

WARNING ORDER.

1. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will be prepared to move into the left Sector of the corps front at an early date and will come under the orders of the G. O. C. 4th Australian Division.
2. The C. R. A. 1st Australian Division will at once get into touch with the C. R. A. 4th Australian Division and arrange for all necessary reconnaissances.
3. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move into the line with full Echelons and the C. R. A. will make arrangements for refilling Echelons with O.C. "K" Corps Ammunition Park direct.
4. The camp at SPRING GARDENS X.9. a⁺ac will be available as a staging area.
5. Further orders for the move will be issued.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Clara Kennedy Capt.*for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.	To.
1	1st Australian Division.
2.	4th Australian Division.
3- 4	C. R. A. 1st Aust. Division.
5- 6	C. R. A. 4th Aust. Division.
7	O.C., "K" Corps. Ammun. Park.
8.	O.C., "K" Corps Supply Column.
9.	G. O. C.
10.	"A"
11.	"C"
12.	G. O. C. R. A.
13.	A. D. Signals.
14.	A. D. Ordnance
15.	C.E.
16.	S.M.T.O.
17.	D.D.A.S.
18.	D. A. D. Posts.
19.	A. P. M.
20.	Area Commandant "T1" Area.
21.	O. O. File.
22.	Correspondence File.
23.	War Diary.
24-30.	Retained.

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First ANZAC Corps,
4th April, 1917.FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 121.
-----Map Reference
1/100,000 (Administrative)

1. In confirmation of First ANZAC Corps Warning Order dated 3rd instant, the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery (less 1 section 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade) will move into the left sector of the corps front on the 5th, 6th and 7th instant, in accordance with the attached march table.
2. On arrival in the left forward area the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division and will move to positions of observation in accordance with his instructions.
The headquarters 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move on the 7th instant, and will be held as a reserve headquarters.
3. The ALBERT - POZIERES - BAPAUME road will be used for the march.
There will be no movement east of POZIERES before 10 a.m. on any day.
4. The G.O.C. 1st Australian Division will arrange to leave one section at the Corps Artillery School for instructional duties.
5. The 112th Battery (12th Aust. (Army) F.A. Bde.) at present at FRECHENCOURT is placed at the disposal of the O.C. Corps Artillery School from the 5th instant.
6. During all marches the following intervals will be maintained -
500 yards between batteries
200 yards between sections
200 yards between sections D. A. C.
7. The G.O.C. 1st Australian Division will detail the officer in charge of Divisional Artillery lines and 1 cable section from the divisional signal company to be at the disposal of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division for maintaining the communications of the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery.
8. Supply railhead for 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will move from ALBERT to BAPAUME on the 6th instant.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.C.M. Kennedy Capt.

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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FIRST ANZAC COPPS ORDER No.121.

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1-2	... Fifth Army
3	... V Corps
4	... 1st Australian Division
5	... 1st Australian Divisional Artillery
6	... 2nd Australian Division
7	... 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery
8	... 4th Australian Division
9	... 4th Australian Divisional Artillery
10	... 5th Australian Division
11	... 5th Australian Divisional Artillery
12	... B. G., H.A.
13	... Corps Reinforcement Camp
14	... No.3 Squadron, R.F.C.
15	... No.4 Squadron, R.F.C.
16	... "K" Corps Ammunition Park
17	... "K" Corps Supply Column
18	... G.O.C.
19	... "A"
20	... "Q"
21	... G.O.C. R.A.
22	... C. E.
23	... A. D. Signals
24	... A. D. Ordnance
25	... D.D.M.S.
26	... D.A.D. Posts
27	... A. P. M.
28	... O.O. File
29	... Correspondence File
30	... War Diary
31	... Area Commandant T.l. Area
32	... Area Commandant No.1 Area
33-40	... Retained.

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ORDER TABLE (issued with 1st ANZAC Corps Order No. 121)

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Date	Unit	From	To	Orders to be issued by	Remarks.
5th April	2nd Aust. F.A. Bde	LAVIEWILLE	SPRING GARDENS Camp (X.9.s.& C)	1st Aust. Div.	
6th "	2nd Aust. F.A. Bde 1st Aust. F.A. Bde (less 1 section)	SPRING GARDENS Camp BEEFICOURT BLACCOURE	Left Forward Area SPRING GARDENS Camp	4th Aust. Div. 1st Aust. Div.	
7th "	1st Aust. F.A. Bde (less 1 section) 1st Aust. Div. Am. Col. H.Q. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.	SPRING GARDENS Camp X.23.d. central LAVIEWILLE	Left Forward Area do. do.	4th Aust. Div. do. do.	One lorry will be made available. Fine and place lorry is to report will be notified as early as possible to Corps "C".

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5th April, 1917.

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FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 122.

1. The left and right boundaries of the First ANZAC Corps and the forward inter-divisional boundary will be altered during the night 6th/7th April to read as follows:-

2. Corps left boundary -

(i) Cross roads U.27d.25 (inclusive) - C.3.central - C.8.central, thence in a south-westerly direction as heretofore.

(ii) The posts to the east of this line at present furnished by the 62nd Division will be relieved by the 4th Australian Division on the night 6th/7th April under arrangements to be made by divisional commanders concerned.

3. Forward inter-divisional boundary -

(i) C.6.central - C.12.central - C.23.central - I.4.central, thence in a south-westerly direction as heretofore.

(ii) The posts and other defensive positions to the east of this line at present furnished by the 4th Australian Division will be relieved by the right division on the night 6th/7th April under arrangements to be made by divisional commanders concerned.

4. Corps right boundary -

K.28.c.63 - J.34.c.84 - O.12.a.37 - O.9.c.81 - O.13.d.42 - N.28.c.00.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.R.H. Osborne Cap^Efor Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.DISTRIBUTION.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>To.</u>
1-2	Fifth Army	25	G. O. C.
3	XV Corps	26	"A"
4	V Corps	27	"Q"
5	4th Cavalry Division	28	"I(g)"
6	5th Cavalry Division	29	G.O.C.R.A.
7-8	1st Australian Division	30	C. E.
9-10	2nd Australian Division	31	A.D. Sigs.
11-12	4th Australian Division	32	A.D. Ordnance
13-14	5th Australian Division	33	D.D.M.S.
15	B.G.H.A.	34	D.A.D. Posts
16	Corps Mounted Troops	35	A.P.K.
17	No.3 Squadron, R.F.C.	36	Corps M.G. Officer
18	No.4 Squadron, R.F.C.	37	S.M.T.O.
19	No.13 Balloon Coy.	38	Corps Light Railway
20	No.17 Balloon Coy.	39	O.O. File
21	"Q" Anti-aircraft Battery	40	Corr. File
22	"K" Corps Ammunition Park	41	War Diary
23	"K" Corps Siege Park	42-50	Retained.
24	"K" Corps Supply Column		

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First ANZAC Corps,
8th April, 1917.First ANZAC Corps Order No. 123.

1. The attack of the First and Third Armies is to be made on the 9th instant.

2. The state of the wire in front of the Vth Corps and First ANZAC Corps precludes the possibility of either corps effecting on the 9th or 10th instant the co-operation outlined in certain instructions already issued.

3. In order that we may quickly be able to take advantage of any opportunity created by the action of any part of the armies in the north the following measures will be taken:-

(i) The bombardment and wire cutting now in process under the orders of the G.O.C. R.A. will be vigorously continued.

(ii) Instructions will be issued by the G.O.C. R.A. for a special bombardment at 5.30 a.m. on the 9th instant.

(iii) Upon receipt of orders from corps headquarters the 4th Australian Division will without delay send forward strong patrols suitably supported to ascertain if the HINDENBURG line between U.30.a.29 and U.27.b.71 is held.

The corps on our left is to take similar action.

These patrols will be covered by a barrage, details of which will be issued by the G.O.C. R. A.

(iv) The 4th Australian Division, together with its attached squadron of Light Horse, will be held ready for prompt movement from the 9th instant.

(v) A section of tanks is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division and will be employed as that divisional commander may decide upon orders which will be issued by him direct to the section commander.

If tanks are used measures will be taken by means of artillery and machine gun fire to drown the noise caused by the tanks in approaching.

(vi) The Special Company, R.E., is placed at the disposal of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division. Discharges against BULLCOURT will be effected as previously arranged for the nights prior to the 10th instant, if conditions are suitable.

(vii) The 5th Australian Division will be in corps reserve and one brigade will be held ready to move at short notice on the 10th instant.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.H. Osborne Cap^t

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No.123.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy No.	To.
1	1st Australian Division.
2	2nd Australian Division
3	4th Australian Division
4	5th Australian Division
5	Fifth Army
6	" "
7	XV Corps
8	V Corps
9	4th Cavalry Division
10	E. G. H. A.
11	3rd Squadron, R.F.C.
12	4th Squadron, F.F.C.
13	No.11 Coy., "D" Battn., H. B. M.G.C.
14	"D" Battn., H.B. M.G.C.
15	Detachment Special Coy., R.E., attached First ANZAC Corps.
16	First ANZAC Corps Mounted Troops
17	G. O. C.
18	"P"
19	"Q"
20	I(g)
21	G.O.C. R.A.
22	C. F.
23	A. D. Signals
24	A. D. Ordnance
25	T.D.M.S.
26	A. P. M.
27	Corps Machine Gun Officer
28	S. M. T. O.
29	First ANZAC Corps Light Railways.
30-35	Retained

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 First ANZAC Corps,
 10th April, 1917.

HEADQUARTERS,
 1st ANZAC.

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FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No.124.

1. The progress of the armies on the north continues.
2. First ANZAC and V Corps are on 11th instant to attack the objectives set out in First ANZAC G. S/1932 of 8th April ("Preliminary Instructions for the Next Operations - Set No.3").
 The V Corps is not to take action until First ANZAC have seized BULLECOURT.
3. The 4th Australian Division will accordingly attack the enemy on the line U.30.a.29 - U.22.d.63 - on the 11th instant and seize RIWNCOURT. Troops will be held ready to exploit any success gained.
4. Twelve tanks are placed at the disposal of the 4th Australian Division for co-operation and wire cutting.
 Four tanks will, after the seizure of the first objective, move to and clear BULLECOURT. The G.O.C. 4th Australian Division will detail at least one battalion to accompany these tanks for the purpose of clearing BULLECOURT.
 Two other tanks will be directed on the Factory U.22.a.97.
 These six tanks will subsequently pass under the orders of the 62nd Division.
5. When the tanks have reached BULLECOURT and our troops have entered the village, the 62nd Division will be informed at once. Special arrangements will be made for the communication of this information.
6. Field artillery barrages will be as arranged by the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division.
7. Heavy artillery will fire in accordance with a programme arranged by the G.O.C.R.A. During the action and subsequently the B.G.H.A. will be placed under the orders of the G.O.C. 4th Australian Division.
8. The 4th Cavalry Division have been ordered to advance through the gap made by the advance of the V Corps and First ANZAC. One regiment is to go through First ANZAC. The G.O.C. 4th Australian Division will keep the G.O.C. 4th Cavalry Division informed of the progress of our attack.
9. The 5th Australian Division will hold one brigade in complete readiness to move at any time after 5 a.m. on the 11th instant.
10. Zero hour will be 4.30 a.m. at which time the tanks will begin the movement forward.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

(Sgd.) C.B.B. WHITE,
 Brigadier-General,
 General Staff,
 First ANZAC Corps.

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1 ...	4th Aust. Div.	6 ... V Corps
2 ...	G.O.C. P.A.	7 ... 4th Cav. Div.
3 ...	B.G., H.A.	8 ... Fifth Army
4 ...	"D" Bn., H.B., M.G.C.	9 ... Retained
5 ...	5th Aust. Div.	10 ... Liaison Officer
		11 ... 1st Aust. Div.
		12 ... No.3 Squadron, R.F.C.
		13 ... No.4 Squadron, R.F.C.
		14 ... War Diary
		15 ... Retained (and passed).

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Administration Sheet.



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Copy No.

First ANZAC Corps,
11th April, 1917.

First ANZAC Corps Order No. 125.

1. The 2nd Australian Division (less artillery and units detached to corps) will relieve the 4th Australian Division (less artillery and units detached to corps) in the left sector of the corps front on the 12th, 13th and 14th instant.
2. The 2nd Australian Division and transport of the 4th Australian Division will move by road. Dismounted personnel of the 4th Australian Division will move by rail.
Moves will be carried out in accordance with attached march table.
3. The following camps are placed at the disposal of the 4th Australian Division on their relief -
FRIGGOURT Camp
CRUCIFIX Camp
MAMENZ Camp
BECOURT Camp
SHELTER WOOD Camp
ACID DROP Camp.
4. The G.O.C. of the 2nd Australian Division will take over the command of the left sector of the corps front and all units remaining in that sector on the 13th instant at a time to be mutually arranged between the G.O.C. of the 2nd and 4th Australian Divisions, and reported to corps headquarters.
At the time agreed the headquarters of the 2nd Australian Division will open at H.15.0.4.3. and the headquarters of the 4th Australian Division at The DINGLE.
5. The C.R.A. of the 4th Australian Division will remain in command of the F. A. units in the left sector of the corps front.
The headquarters of the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will remain in its present location.
6. The machine gun companies of the 2nd Australian Division at present attached to the 4th Australian Division will remain in the left sector of the corps front and rejoin their division.
7. The squadron of the 13th Australian Light Horse Regiment and the half company of the First ANZAC Cyclist Battalion will remain in the left sector of the corps front and be attached to the 2nd Australian Division.
8. The machine guns emplaced on anti-aircraft duty by the 2nd Australian Division under orders of the corps will be relieved by the 4th Australian Division under arrangements to be made between the divisions concerned.
9. The relief of engineer units and pioneer battalions will be carried out under instructions to be issued by the C. E.
10. The relief of medical units will be carried out under instructions to be issued by the D.D.M.S.

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11. Administrative instructions consequent on this relief will be issued separately.

12. The 4th Australian Division will detail a staff officer to superintend entrainments and detrainments which will be carried out with the least possible delay. No baggage whatever will be taken by train.

13. The following intervals will be maintained on the roads -
 200 yards between battalions
 200 yards between transport of units
 100 yards between companies

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. C. M. Kennedy

Brigadier-General,
 General Staff,
 First ANZAC Corps.

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1-2 ...	Fifth Army
3 ...	V Corps
4 ...	4th Cavalry Division
5 ...	1st Australian Division
6-7 ...	2nd Australian Division
8-9 ...	4th Australian Division
10 ...	5th Australian Division
11 ...	B. G., H. A.
12 ...	Corps Reinforcement Camp
13 ...	Corps Mounted Troops
14 ...	No. 3 Squadron, R.F.C.
15 ...	No. 4 Squadron, R.F.C.
16 ...	"K" Corps Signal Company
17 ...	"K" Corps Supply Column
18 ...	G.O.C.
19 ...	"A"
20 ...	"Q"
21 ...	G.O.C. R.A.
22 ...	C. E.
23 ...	A. D. Signals
24 ...	A. D. Ordnance
25 ...	D.D.M.S.
26 ...	D.A.D. Posts
27 ...	A. P. M.
28 ...	Corps M.G. Officer
29 ...	O.G. "D" Bn., H.B., M.G.C.
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32 ...	War Diary
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Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
April 12th	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. (dis-mounted personnel) 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. (transport)	FRICOURT CAMP BEUGNATRE area do.	BEUGNATRE area FRICOURT CAMP MAMETZ do.	Infantry: via CONTALMAISON-POZIERES-BAPAUME. Transport: La BOISELLE - POZIERES - BAPAUME. Head of column to reach POZIERES at 9 a.m. By train from BAPAUME to ALBERT (1st train leaves BAPAUME xx) - thence by march route using roads south of main ALBERT-BAPAUME road. By road via BAPAUME-POZIERES. Head of column to reach BAPAUME at 9 a.m.
13th	5th Aust. Inf. Bde. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. 4th Aust. Div. HQ. 2nd Aust. Div. HQ.	BEUGNATRE area BECCOURT Camp Line BEUGNATRE area H.15.c.43 The DINGLE	Line BEUGNATRE area BEUGNATRE area BEAULENCOURT area The DINGLE H.15.c.43.	In relief of 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. As for 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. - Take over main line. Column to be clear of BAPAUME by 11.45 a.m. Lorries to be arranged direct with Corps "Q".
14th	7th Aust. Inf. Bde. 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. (dismounted personnel) 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. (transport only)	SHELTER WOOD Camp BEUGNATRE area BEUGNATRE area	BEUGNATRE area SHELTER WOOD Camp SHELTER WOOD CAMP	As for 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. By train from BAPAUME to ALBERT. Thence by march route using roads south of main ALBERT-BAPAUME road. (1st train leaves BAPAUME xx .m.) As for 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. transport.

xx Time of departure of trains will be notified by wire

Appendix No. A

HEADQUARTERS,
1st ANZAC.

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First ANZAC Corps,

11th April, 1917.

Move of Corps Headquarters.

1. Advanced corps headquarters will open at NOON on 12th instant at GREVILLERS (G.29.b.).

2. When First ANZAC Corps Advanced Report Centre is established, all telegrams and D. R. packets intended for the report centre should be addressed "Advanced First ANZAC Corps".

Only messages and correspondence affecting operations, and administrative policy connected therewith, will be so addressed.

All telegrams/^{and packets}not so addressed will be sent to First ANZAC Corps Headquarters. They will include all routine messages and correspondence and all administrative matter.

The following offices will be located at Advanced

Report Centre:-

General Staff

B.G.G.S.
G.S.O. II (O)
G.S.O. II (I)

Attached

G.O.C. R.A.
C. E.
A. D. Sigs.
A.A.G., A.I.F.

Administrative Staff

D.A. & Q.M.G.

Medical

D.D.M.S.

Special Appointment

A. P. M.

3. Main headquarters will move to WOLFE Huts (X.14.a.) on Saturday ¹⁴15th instant.

War Diary

J. G. M. Ball
Lieutenant-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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TIME TABLE (Provisional)Despatch Rider Letter Service, 1st ANZAC Corps.First Stage of move.1st ANZAC Corps- Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps.1st ANZAC Corps-Fifth Army-Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps.

Leave 1st ANZAC Corps	6.00 a.m.	10.30 a.m.	3.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Arrive Fifth Army	6.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	3.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.
Arrive Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps.	8.30 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m.
Leave Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	6.30 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	3.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.
Arrive Fifth Army	8.30 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	10.30 p.m.
Arrive 1st ANZAC Corps.	9.00 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	11.00 p.m.

A mounted D.R. leaves advanced 1st ANZAC Corps Headquarters at these times with the post and meets D.R. coming from 1st ANZAC Corps and Fifth Army at Destrement Farm, where mutual handing over takes place.

1st ANZAC Corps-XV Corps.

Leave 1st ANZAC Corps	12.45 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Arrive XV Corps	1.45 p.m.	7.30 p.m.
Leave XV Corps	11.15 a.m.	7.30 p.m.
Arrive 1st ANZAC Corps	12.45 p.m.	9.00 p.m.

1st ANZAC Corps- 2nd Division.

Leave 1st ANZAC Corps	6.00 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Arrive 2nd Division	6.45 a.m.	2.15 p.m.	8.45 p.m.
Leave 2nd Division	6.45 a.m.	2.15 p.m.	8.45 p.m.
Arrive 1st ANZAC Corps	7.30 a.m.	3.00 p.m.	9.30 p.m.

Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps-V Corps.

Leave Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	9.30 a.m.	7.15 p.m.
Arrive V Corps	10.00 a.m.	7.45 p.m.
Leave V Corps	9.00 a.m.	7.45 p.m.
Arrive Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	9.30 a.m.	8.15 p.m.

Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps-5th Division-1st Division.

Leave Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	6.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Arrive 5th Division	6.30 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.
Arrive 1st Division	7.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
Arrive Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	7.30 a.m.	2.30 p.m.	9.30 p.m.

Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps-4th Division.

Leave Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	6.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Arrive 4th Division	6.30 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.
Leave 4th Division	6.30 a.m.	1.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.
Arrive Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	7.00 a.m.	2.00 p.m.	9.00 p.m.

Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps-Corps Heavy Artillery.

Leave Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	8.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	8.00 p.m.
Arrive Corps Heavy Artillery	8.20 a.m.	1.20 p.m.	8.20 p.m.
Leave Corps Heavy Artillery	8.25 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	8.25 p.m.
Arrive Advanced 1st ANZAC Corps	8.45 a.m.	1.45 p.m.	8.45 p.m.

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First ANZAC Corps,
14th April, 1917.FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 126.

1. The attack on the HINDENBURG line will be renewed on a date and at an hour to be communicated later, unless the enemy withdraw previously on account of the attack of Third Army.

2. (i) The 2nd Australian Division and 62nd Division are to carry out the attacks on the fronts allotted to the First ANZAC Corps and V Corps respectively.

(ii) The 62nd Division has been ordered to take over that part of the front of the First ANZAC Corps from the present boundary to as far east as U.28.c.25.

(iii) The boundary between the attacking divisions will be U.28.c.25 - U.28.a.66 - thence to the cross-roads (exclusive to 2nd Australian Division) at U.22.c.98.20 - thence along the sunken road (exclusive to 2nd Australian Division) to U.22.b.8.5 - U.17. central - U.12.c.0.0 - U.12.c.6.6.

3. (i) The objectives of the 2nd Australian Division will be as shown on the attached map.

(ii) The advance from the 1st to 2nd objective will begin at zero plus $1\frac{1}{4}$ hours, and from 2nd to 3rd objective at zero plus $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

(iii) 62nd Division is responsible for the capture of BULLECOURT, and is to attack it simultaneously with the attacks on the HINDENBURG line to the east and west of it. The objectives of this division are as shown on attached map. Advances of 62nd Division are to be concurrent with those of 2nd Australian Division.

(iv) 2nd Australian Division will detail special parties to get into touch with the 62nd Division along all trenches running from the east into BULLECOURT and the trench system to the north of it, after the first objective has been captured.

(v) The 2nd objective is practically only a starting point for the capture of RIENCOURT.

The third objective will form three phases -

- (a) the capture of the outskirts of RIENCOURT and the trench system in U.23.b and U.17.c,
- (b) completion of the capture of RIENCOURT,
- (c) The establishment of posts in U.13.a and c to connect RIENCOURT with the 62nd Division in HENDECOURT.

In all three phases the protection of the right flank and its junction backwards will require special care.

(vi) The 4th objective is shown on the map as an indication of future plans. Its occupation will be dependent on the circumstances attending the occupation of the 3rd objective and troops will be held ready accordingly.

4. (i) For the purpose of co-ordination, the heavy artillery and field artillery are placed under the orders of the G.O.C. R.A., who, in consultation with the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division will prepare the artillery plans and instructions.

(ii) The 2nd Australian Division will, by arrangement with the 62nd Division, send three medium trench mortar batteries and ammuni-

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tion into BULLCOURT to aid in the defence of the village or of other strong points. These batteries will not advance until the strong point for which each is intended has been established.

5. (i) Special precautions will be taken by the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division to meet counter-attack down the various trenches leading to the right flank of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd objectives; a large initial supply of trench mortar, rifle and MILLS bombs and provision for their continuous replacement, is essential.

(ii) Two light trench mortar batteries from 5th Australian Division are attached to 2nd Australian Division for this purpose, and will be transferred accordingly by direct arrangement between the two divisions.

(iii) Simultaneous with or as soon as practicable after the taking of the 1st objective, posts will be established to link our present line about C.6.0 up to the right of the 1st objective.

(iv) The organisation of routes and communications to the captured trenches will be taken in hand as early as possible. This will include removal of portions of enemy wire.

6. The corps machine gun officer and two machine gun companies of the 5th Australian Division are attached to the 2nd Australian Division for the purposes of aiding flank protection in this operation. The two machine gun companies will be transferred under direct arrangements between the two divisions.

Arrangements will be made for a heavy machine gun fire for at least six hours for the protection of the right flank.

7. Corps reserve - the 5th Australian Division will be in corps reserve. One brigade will be assembled ready to move upon receipt of orders to the area about BEUGNATRE, where on arrival it will come under the orders of the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division.

8. (i) The G.O.C. R.A., First ANZAC Corps, will arrange direct with the O. C. No. 3 Squadron R.F.C. for the necessary aeroplanes for counter-battery duty, to which special attention will be paid.

(ii) No. 3 Squadron R.F.C. will maintain close touch with the G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division, and will be responsible for contact patrol work on the front of the attack.

(iii) The front line of infantry will mark their positions to contact patrols by lighting red flares at -

- (a) Zero plus one hour:
- (b) Zero plus two hours:
- (c) Zero plus three hours:

and at other times when called for by aeroplane by KLAXON horn or VERY light.

9. The A. D. Signals will arrange for watches to be synchronised at 12.15 p.m. and 5.15 p.m. on "Y" day between corps headquarters and the following -

2nd Australian Divisional Signal Company:
V Corps Signal Company:
First ANZAC Heavy Artillery Signal Company:
G.O.C. R.A., First ANZAC Corps:
General Staff, Advanced First ANZAC:
No. 3 Squadron R.F.C.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.H. Osborne Capt

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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This order was amended in May and copies of amendments are filed with diary for that month

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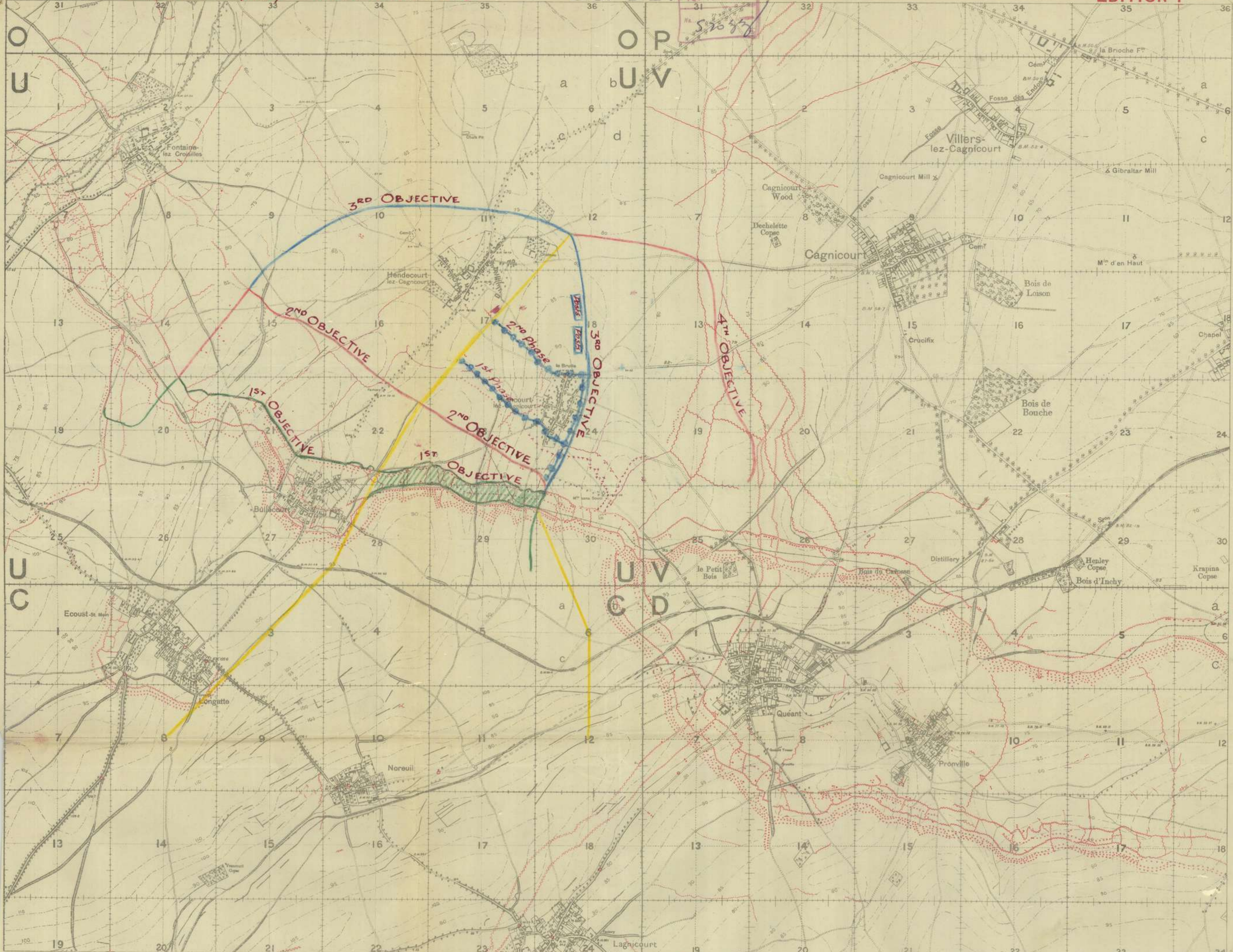
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5th FIELD SURVEY CORPS (1917) 5-4-17.

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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,
17th April, 1917.

AMENDMENT TO FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 126.

Reference First AN ZAC Corps Order No. 126, dated 14th April,
1917 -

1. Paragraph 7 of the above-mentioned order will be amended to
read as follows -

2. Corps reserve - the 5th Australian Division will be
in corps reserve. One brigade of the 5th Australian Division
will be transferred to the 2nd Australian Division at noon on
the 21st April, at which hour it will be assembled in the
BEUGNATRE - FAVREUIL area.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. Osborne. Capt.

for Brigadier-General,
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First ANZAC Corps.

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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,

22nd April, 1917.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 126.

1. First ANZAC Corps Order No. 126, dated 14th April, 1917 (with attached map) is amended as follows -

- (i) Delete sub-para. (vi) of para. 3:
(ii) Erase the 4th objective line drawn on the map.

2. The capture of the 4th objective, as outlined in the above-mentioned order, will not be carried out. Simultaneous with, or as soon as practicable after the taking of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd objectives, the 2nd Australian Division will form a strong defensive flank on the approximate line -

C.6.c - U.30.a.1.6 - U.30.a.2.9 - U.24.c.5.8 -
U.18.c.95.10 - U.12.c.6.6, facing the DROCOURT -
QUEANT line.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. Osborne Capt

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17	No. 3 Squadron R.F.C.
18	"Q" Anti-aircraft Battery
19	G. O. C.
20	"AQ"
21	"A"
22	"Q"
23	"Ig"
24	G.O.C. R.A.
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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,

24th April, 1917.

FIRST ADDENDUM TO FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 126.

1. The G. O. C. 2nd Australian Division will arrange to place the village of RIENCOURT in a state of defence immediately after capture.

2. (i) Special parties of A. E. are to be told off to superintend this work.

(ii) They are to be provided with plans and photographs and the defence schemes must be prepared beforehand.

3. Very careful arrangements are required for getting forward the necessary tools and material.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

R. H. Osborne, Capt.

Brigadier-General,
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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,

16th April, 1917.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 127.

1. The boundary between the right forward and left forward ~~divisional~~ areas is hereby altered to read as follows -

From S. W. to I.4.central as heretofore, thence along a line drawn through C.23.b.5.5 - C.18.c.8.3 - C.18.b.5.0 - D.7.central.

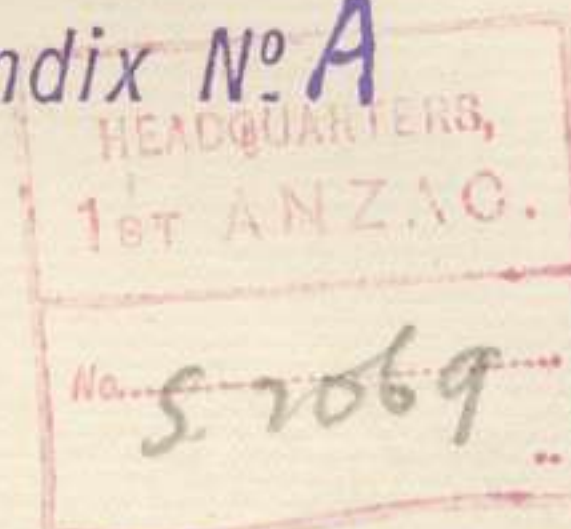
2. The necessary re-adjustment of troops in forward areas will be carried out as soon as practicable, under arrangements to be made between divisional commanders concerned.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. L. M. Call
Brigadier-General,
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13	Corps Topographical Section
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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,
17th April, 1917.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 128.

1. The 4th Australian Division (less artillery and units detached) will march from "J" area to the BAIZIEUX area. The subdivision of BAIZIEUX for billeting purposes will be arranged direct with "Q" of the corps.

2. (i) The move will be completed on April 19th, and the division will be clear of "K" area at 12 noon on that date.

(ii) The following intervals will be maintained on the march -

200 yards between battalions:

200 yards between transport and other units:

100 yards between companies.

(iii) 4th Australian Divisional Headquarters will open at BAIZIEUX Chateau on April 19th, at an hour to be notified to Advanced Corps Headquarters and First ANZAC Corps.

3. The machine guns emplaced on anti-aircraft duty under corps orders will not be relieved.

4. Administrative instructions consequent on the move will be issued separately.

5. The D.D.M.S. will issue separate instructions regarding the allotment and moves of ambulance units.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE .

R.H. Osborne, Cap^t

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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6	2nd Aust. Div.	26	A.D. Ordnance
7-8	4th Aust. Div.	27	S. M. T. O.
9	5th Aust. Div.	28	D. D. M. S.
10	B.G., H.A.	29	D.A.D. Posts
11	Corps Rfat. Camp	30	A. P. M.
12	Corps Mtd. Troops	31	Corps M.G. Officer
13	No. 3 Sqn. R.F.C.	32	Corps Light Rlys.
14	No. 13 Balloon Coy.	33	O.O. File
15	No. 17 Balloon Coy.	34	Corr. File
16	"Q" A.A. Battery	35	War Diary
17	"K" Corps Amm. Park	36 to	
18	"K" Corps Supply Col.	45)	Retained.
19	G. O. C.		
20	"A"		
21	"Q"		

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FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 129.

1. 5th Australian Division (less formations and units detached or under orders to be detached) will march to "J" area on April 19th and 20th on relief by the 11th Division of the V Corps.
2. All preliminary arrangements for handing over "M" area will be taken in hand at once.
3. (i) Routes will be reconnoitred in order that the main BAPAUME - ABERT Road may be avoided as far as practicable.
(ii) Application should be made to "Q" of the corps for assistance in moving baggage by decauville railway.
4. Preliminary arrangements for quartering in "J" area should be taken in hand at once, in consultation with "Q" of the corps.
5. 5th Australian Divisional Headquarters will open at the DINGLE on April 20th.
6. Further orders will be issued later.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

for RH Osborne Capt.
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
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11	Corps Rfct. Camp
12	Corps Mounted Tps.
13	No. 3 Sqn. R.F.C.
14	"K" Corps Amm. Park
15	"K" Corps Supply Col.
16	Area Commdt., "BP" Area
17	G.O.C.
18	"A"
19	"Q"
20	"Ig"
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First ANZAC CORPS.

18th April, 1917.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 129 (A)

1. First ANZAC Corps Order No. 129 dated 17th April 1917 is hereby cancelled.
2. The 5th Australian Division (less Artillery) will be relieved in "M" Area by the 11th Division (less Artillery) on the 20th and 21st inst.
3. Subject to the terms of this order the relief will be carried out between the G.O.C. of the divisions concerned.
Completion of the relief will be reported to First ANZAC Corps Advanced Headquarters.
4. Moves will be carried out in accordance with the attached march table.
5. On relief 5th Australian Division will concentrate in "J" Area; the camps available for their accommodation are set out in Appendix I.
6. (i) The field companies and pioneer battalion of the 11th Division on relieving the corresponding units of the 5th Australian Division will carry on the works mentioned in paras 1 and 2 of Appendix II.
(ii) The brigade of the 11th Division relieving the 14th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the working parties mentioned in paras 3, 4 and 5 of Appendix II on the 20th inst.
(iii) All other permanent working parties found by the 5th Australian Division under corps orders will remain for the present. Further instructions as to their relief will be issued by "A" branch of the corps.
7. The 5th Australian Mobile Veterinary Section will remain for the present.
8. The relief of all medical units will be carried out under separate instructions to be issued by the D.D.M.S., 1st ANZAC Corps.
9. The following intervals will be maintained on the march -
 - 200 yards between battalions.
 - 200 yards between transport and other units.
 - 100 yards between companies

There will be no "long" halts between POZIERES and BAPAUME.

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10.- Separate administrative instructions will be issued by "Q" of the corps.

11.- The headquarters of the 5th Australian Division will open at The DINGLE (X.27.d.37) and the headquarters of the 11th Division at N.11.central at a time to be mutually arranged by the G.O's.C. of the divisions concerned and notified to First ANZAC Corps Advanced Headquarters.

On
21st
inst.

12.- ACKNOWLEDGE.

for *Clark*
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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15	G. O. C.
16	"A"
17	"Q"
18	G.O.C. R.A.
19	C.E.
20	A.D. Sigs.
21	A.D. Ordnance
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24	A. P. M.
25	Corps M.G. Officer
26	Area Commandant "J" Area
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MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 129(A).

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Date	Serial No.	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
April 20th	1.	14th Aust. Inf. Bde.) and) 14th Aust. Field Coy.)	THILLOY GREVILLERS BAPAUME	BAZENTIN Camps	BAPAUME - LeSARS GUNPITS Road (M.25.d.85)	To be clear of main ALBERT-BAPAUME road by 3.45 p.m.
	2.	34th Ide. 11th Div.) 86th Field Coy.)	MIDLAND HUTS area (W.10.)	THILLOY GREVILLERS BAPAUME	CRUCIFIX CORNER - OVILLERS - LeSARS	March to be com- pleted by 12.30 p.m.
	3.	15th Aust. Inf. Bde.) and) 15th Field Company)	BEAULENCOURT RIENCOURT	MONTAUBAN Camps	GUEUDECOURT-FLERS - LONGUEVAL	Infantry by duck- walks.
	4.	32nd Ide. 11th Div.) and) 67th Field Company)	OVILLERS AVELUY	BEAULENCOURT RIENCOURT Camps in N.11.	LeSARS - BAPAUME	March to be com- pleted by 11.30 A.M.
	5.	33rd Bde. 11th Div.)	BOUZINCOURT	M.20. Camp	ALBERT-POZIERES	Not to reach POZIERES before 3.30 p.m.
	6.	6th East Yorks Pioneer Bn.	SENLIS	SPRING GARDENS X.9.central	do.	
	7.	60th Field Company	SENLIS	OVILLERS HUTS	AVELUY - CRUCIFIX CORNER	

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Date	Serial No.	Unit	From	To	Route	Remarks
April 21st	8	8th Aust. Inf. Bde.) 5th Aust. Pnr. Bn.)	FREMICOURT	BERNAFAY) (MAMETZ)) Camps	GUEUDECOURT-FLERS - LANGUEVAL	MAMETZ Camp available as overflow. Not to start before 10.30 am. To be east of BAPAUME by 10.30 a.m. To be east of BAPAUME by 11.30 a.m.
			HAPLINCOURT			
	9	8th Aust. Field Coy.	BANCOURT	BAZENTIN Camp	GUNPITS Road	
	10	33rd Bde. 11th Div.	M.20 Camp	FREMICOURT HAPLINCOURT BANCOURT	BAPAUME	
	11	6th East YORKS. Pioneer Bn.	SPRING Gardens	I.26.central	BAPAUME	
	12	14th Aust. Inf. Bde.) 14th Aust. Field Coy)	BAZENTIN Camps	BECOURT Camps	CONTALMAISON - FRICOURT	
22nd	13	8th Aust. Field Coy.	BAZENTIN Camps	MAMETZ or BERNA- FAY Camps	CONTALMAISON - FRICOURT	

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APPENDIX I.ACCOMMODATION IN "J" AREA ALLOTTED TO THE 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.BAZENTIN CAMPS.

Hot Cross Camp	-	-	30 Nissen Huts.
S. 8. d. 1. 4.	-	-	36 Nissen Huts.
S. 8. a. 9. 5.	-	-	Field Company Camp.
S. 8. b. 0. 0.	-	-	6 Nissen Huts.
S. 9. b. 8. 2.	-	-	40 Amiens Huts.
S. 9. c. 9. 7.	-	-	31 Nissen Huts.
Bearer Camp } (S.13.b.3.4.)	-	-	{ 14 Nissen Huts. 14 Amiens Huts.
<u>MONTAUBAN BRIGADE CAMP</u>	-	-	72 Nissen Huts.
<u>BENDIGO</u> (S.15.d.1.1.)	-	-	28 Nissen Huts.
<u>HOBART</u> (S.15.b.5.5.)	-	-	19 Nissen Huts.
<u>BERNAFAY</u> ("A", "B", "C" and "D") (S.23.c.and d.)	-	-	70 Nissen Huts.
<u>DARWIN</u> (S. 21.b.7.8.)	-	-	20 Nissen Huts.
<u>ALBURY</u> (S.21.b.5.5.)	-	-	22 Nissen Huts.
<u>MAMETZ BRIGADE CAMP</u>	-	-	140 Nissen Huts.
<u>BECOURT BRIGADE CAMP</u>	-	-	182 Nissen Huts.
<u>DIVISION TRAIN CAMP.</u> (X.30.b.)	-	-	Ample covered accommodation for horses.

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APPENDIX II.
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Schedule of works to be taken
over by the 11th Division.

1.- Field companies:-

- 1 company on corps second line
- 1 company on BAPAUME/GREVILLERS road and dry-weather track at the side of BAPAUME.
- 1 company on corps second line
BAPAUME/LeTRANSLOY road.

2.- Pioneer battalion:-

- 2 companies on BANCOURT road
- 2 companies on Divisional support line under orders of C. R. E. 2nd Aust. Division.

3.- 400 men under R. T. O. BAPAUME for unloading ammunition (two shifts come on 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.).

4.- 1,000 men on transportation under Captain GREENLEES, 4th Canadian Railway Battalion (H.Q. at H.22.a.8.3.)
Half the above reports 8 a.m. daily I.19.b.2.7.)
Half the above reports 8 a.m. daily BAPAUME Station.

5.- 1 officer and 60 other ranks attached to First ANZAC Corps Siege Park at FREMOCOURT for unloading ammunition at railhead I.20.

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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,
18th April, 1917..FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 130.

1. With reference to First ANZAC Corps Order No. 126, dated 14th April, 1917, para. 7 (amended by "A amendment to "First ANZAC Corps Order No. 126" dated 17th April, 1917) -

- (i) For "5th Australian Division" substitute "11th
"Division" in each case:
(ii) For "the 21st April" substitute "a date to be
"notified later".

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

F. H. Osborne, Capt.

Brigadier-General,
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3	5th Brigade R.F.C.
4	XV Corps
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6-7	1st Australian Division
8-9	2nd Australian Division
10	4th Australian Division
11-12	5th Australian Division
13	B. G., H.A.
14	Corps Mounted Troops
15	No. 3 Squadron R.F.C.
16	"Q" Anti-aircraft Battery
17	G. C. C.
18	"A"
19	"Q"
20	"Ig"
21	G.O.C. R.A.
22	C. E.
23	A. D. Signals
24	A. D. Ordnance
25	Corps M.G. Officer
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30	11th Division
31-33	Retained

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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,

20th April, 1917.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 131.

1. With reference to First ANZAC Corps Order No. 126, dated 14th April, 1917, para. 7 (amended by "Amendment to "First ANZAC Corps Order No. 126", and First ANZAC Corps Order No. 130 dated 19th April, 1917) -

(i) For "11th Division" substitute "1st Australian Division" in each case.

(ii) For "a date to be notified later" substitute "'Y' day".

R. T. Caborn Capt.

Brigadier-General,
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6-7	1st Australian Division
8-9	2nd Australian Division
10	4th Australian Division.
11-12	5th Australian Division.
13	B.G., H.A.
14	Corps Mounted Troops
15	No. 3 Squadron R.F.C.
16	"Q" A.A. Battery
17	G. O. C.
18	"A"
19	"C"
20	"Ig"
21	G.O.C. R.A.
22	C.E.
23	A. D. Signals
24	D.D.M.S.
25	Corps M.G. Officer
26	First ANZAC Corps
27	O. C. File
28	Corr. File
29	War Diary
20-37-40	Retained
30	AD
31	W/D.

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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,

20th April, 1917.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 132.

1. The present inter-divisional boundary will be changed to the following at 9 a.m. on the 25th April, 1917: -

Boundary -
H.23.d.5.0 - I.14.central - I.9.d.0.0 - I.10.central -
I.5.d.2.3 - C.30.central - D.19.b.5.0 - D.14.d.5.0
- D.15.b.1.9.

2. At 9 a.m. on the 25th April, the G. O. C. 1st Australian Division will detach one infantry brigade to the command of the G. O. C. 2nd Australian Division, at which hour the brigade will be disposed as required by the G. O. C. 2nd Australian Division. Separate instructions will be issued by the G.O.C. R.A. regarding the distribution of artillery consequent on the above change.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.H. Osborne. Cap^tfor Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.DISTRIBUTION -

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3	G. O. C. R. A.		
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4-5	Fifth Army		
6	5th Brigade R.F.C.		
7	XV Corps		
8	V Corps		
9	4th Australian Division		
10	5th Australian Division		
11	B. G., H. A.		
12	Corps Mounted Troops		
13	No. 3 Squadron R.F.C.		
14	G. O. C.		
15	"AQ"		
17	"A"		
18	"Q"		
19	"Ig"		
20	C. E.	25	O. C. File
21	A. D. Signals	26	Corr. File.
22	D.D.M.S.	27	War Diary
23	Corps M.G. Officer	28 - 40	Retained
24	Corps Topographical Section		

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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,
20th April, 1917.

FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 133.

1. The 11th Division, less artillery, will relieve the 1st Australian Division, less artillery, in the right sector of the corps front (as amended by First ANZAC Corps Order No. 132, of 20th April, 1917) by direct arrangement between the divisional commanders concerned. The relief will be completed by 9 a.m. on the 25th April, at which hour the G. O. C. 11th Division will take over command of the right sector with headquarters at H.35.central.

2. The 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and the 3rd and 6th Army (Australian) F. A. Brigades will be transferred to the 11th Division when that division takes over from the 1st Australian Division. The 14th Aust. F. A. Brigade of the 5th Australian Divisional Artillery is temporarily detached to the 2nd Australian Division for tactical employment.

3. On relief from the line, the 1st Australian Division, less artillery and the infantry brigade detached to the 2nd Australian Division, will be distributed in "M" area by the G. O. C. 1st Australian Division, with the following provisions -

(i) Two battalions and one machine gun company will furnish the garrison of the BEUGNY-YTRES line where it will come under the orders of the G. O. C. 11th Division.

(ii) One brigade (less two battalions and one machine gun company) will be distributed in that portion of "M" area in rear of the right divisional area. Working parties now found by the 11th Division will be relieved by under mutual arrangements by similar parties drawn from this brigade.

(iii) One brigade will be held mobile and ready for transfer to the 2nd Australian Division on "Y" day as laid down in First ANZAC Corps Order No. 126 dated 14th April, 1917 (as amended by -

(a) Amendment to First Anzac Corps Order No. 126, dated 17th April, 1917:

(b) First ANZAC Corps Order No. 130, dated 18th April:

(c) First ANZAC Corps Order No. 131, dated 20th April.

4. Separate instructions will be issued as under regarding the allotment of the following units of the 1st Australian Division and the 11th Division -

(i) Field companies and pioneer battalions by the C.E.:

(ii) Field ambulances by the D.D.M.S.:

(iii) Mobile veterinary sections by the administrative branch.

5. (1) Ammunition, flares, rockets, etc. -

(a) Both divisions will move with full echelons:

(b) Ammunition dumped, surplus to mobile echelons, will be transferred between divisions.

(11) Accommodation -

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- 8.(ii) Accommodation - No accommodation will be removed from either area. All huts, tents and trench shelters will be transferred between divisions.
- (iii) Rations - Rations in supporting points will be transferred between divisions.

R. H. Osborne, Cap^t

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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12	V Corps		
13	4th Australian Division		
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17	Corps Mounted Troops		
18	No. 3 Squadron R.F.C.		
19	"Q" Anti-aircraft Battery		
20	"K" Corps Amm. Park		
21	G. C. C.		
22	"AQ"		
23	"A"		
24	"Q"		
25	"Ig"		
26	G.O.C. R.A.		
27	A.D. Signals		
28	A.D. Ordnance		
29	S.M.T.O.		
30	D.A.D. Posts		
31	A. P. M.		
32	Corps M. G. Officer		
33	O.C. Corps Light Railways		
34	Area Commandant, "BF" Area	38	O. O. File.
35	O. S. C., Fifth Army	39	Corr. File
36	"H" Special Coy. R.E.	46	War Diary
37	"Z" Special Coy. R.E.	41-50	Retained

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Advanced First ANZAC Corps,

23rd April, 1917.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO FIRST ANZAC CORPS ORDER No. 133.

1. With reference to First ANZAC Corps Order No. 133 dated 20th April, 1917, para. 1, line 7 -

- (i) Delete "H.35.central" and substitute "N.11.central":
- (ii) Add at end of line 7, para. 1, the following -
"Headquarters, 1st Australian Division, will remain at H.35.central".

2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.H. Osborne Capt

for Brigadier-General,
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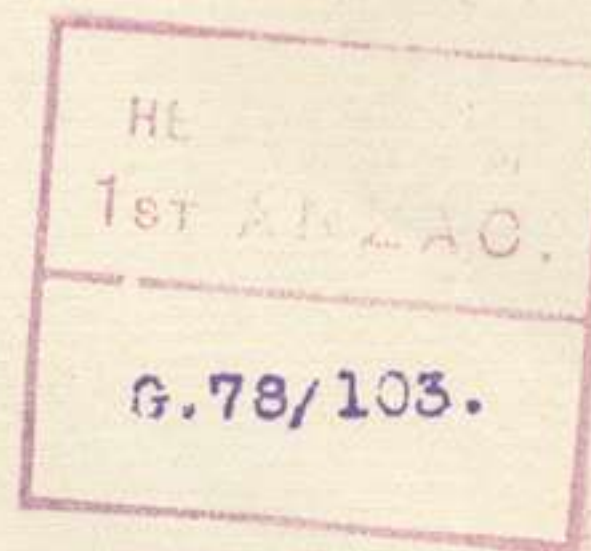
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APPENDIX B.

General Staff Circular			No. 68
"	"	"	
"	"	"	Addendum to 49
"	"	"	69
"	"	"	70
"	"	"	Addendum to 66
"	"	"	" No. 2 66
"	"	"	71

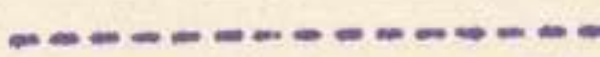
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First ANZAC Corps,

2nd April, 1917.

ADDENDUM TO GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No.49.



The following addition is made to Paragraph 1,
 (a) (ii) of 1st ANZAC G.S. Circular, No.49, dated 24th
 February, 1917.-

Corps Headquarters.

Chief Engineer	2 horses.
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Brigadier-General

is Brigadier-General,
 General Staff,
 First ANZAC Corps.

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First ANZAC Corps,

5th April, 1917.

ADDENDUM TO GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No.66.

Subject:- Signal Units - Establishment.

The following addition is made to the table "Distribution of rank and file by trades" at the end of Appendix I "Corps Signal Company - War Establishment" to 1st ANZAC Corps G.S. Circular No. 66, dated 30th March, 1917 --

General duty pioneers	9
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The total to this table will not require amendment .

R. Osborne Cap^E

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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First ANZAC Corps,

20th April, 1917.

ADDENDUM No. 2 to GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 66.

Subject :- Signal Units - Establishment.

1. Addendum, dated 5th April, 1917, to General Staff Circular No.66 is hereby cancelled.

2. The war establishment of a corps signal company issued with General Staff Circular No.66 will be amended as follows :-

Under distribution of rank and file by trades :

- (1) remove "(f)" from "Telephone Switchboard Operators 9":
- (ii) after "Telephone Switchboard Operators 9" insert:-
"General Duty Pioneers 9 (f)".

(Authority :- G.H.C., O.B./1026 dated 18.4.17.)

W. H. ...
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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First ANZAC Corps,

1st April, 1917.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 68.

Subject:- Artillery Reorganization.

1. In continuation of First ANZAC General Staff Circular No. 44, the organization shown on attached table has been approved for an army field artillery brigade ammunition column, and will be adopted forthwith.

This organization will be subject to any alterations which may be authorised in the future in amendments to War Establishments.

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

R.H. Osborne Cap^e

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE AMMUNITION COLUMN.

Organisation into Sections and Sub-sections.

Detail	No. 1 Section						No. 2 Section						No. 3 Section					
	"A" Sub-sec.			"B" Sub-sec.			"C" Sub-sec.			"D" Sub-sec.			"E" Sub-sec.			"F" Sub-sec.		
	Per-son-nel:	Horses:		Per-son-nel:	Horses:		Per-son-nel:	Horses:		Per-son-nel:	Horses:		Per-son-nel:	Horses:		Per-son-nel:	Horses:	
		Rid-ing	L. D.		Rid-ing	L. D.		Rid-ing	L. D.		Rid-ing	L. D.		Rid-ing	L. D.		Rid-ing	L. D.
Captain	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Subaltern	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bty. Sergt. Major	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Bty. Q.M. Sergt. .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Sergeants	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farrier Sergeant .	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Corpl. Shoeing Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Shoeing Smiths	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saddlers ... (a)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fitters or Whlrs (a)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Corporals	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Bombardiers ...	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-	5	-	-	6	-	-
Gunners	6	-	-	6	-	-	6	1	-	6	-	-	5	-	-	6	-	-
Drivers -																		
For Vehicles	18	-	36	18	-	36	18	-	36	18	-	36	18	-	36	18	-	36
Spare Horses	2	-	4	2	-	4	2	-	4	2	-	4	1	-	2	1	-	2
Spare ...	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Batmen	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Drivers, A.S.C. - (2nd Line Transport)	1	-	2 (b)	-	-	-	1	-	2 (b)	-	-	-	1	-	2 (b)	1	-	2 (b)
TOTAL ...	34	4	40	33	4	40	32	3	40	32	3	40	28	3	34	32	4	38

(a) Of the two saddlers and fitters, will be a corporal.
or wheelers one

(b) Heavy draught.

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ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE AMMUNITION COLUMN (continued).

Organisation into Sections and Sub-sections (continued)

Transport:

Detail	No. 1 Section						No. 2 Section						No. 3 Section					
	"A" Sub-sec.			"B" Sub-sec.			"C" Sub-sec.			"D" Sub-sec.			"E" Sub-sec.			"F" Sub-sec.		
	Vehi- cles	Dri- vers	L. D. H.	Vehi- cles	Dri- vers	L. D. H.	Vehi- cles	Dri- vers	L. D. H.	Vehi- cles	Dri- vers	L. D. H.	Vehi- cles	Dri- vers	L. D. H.	Vehi- cles	Dri- vers	L. D. H.
Bicycles	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Carts, Water	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
Wagons, Ammunition -													1	1	2	-	-	-
13-pdr.	6	18	36	6	18	36	6	18	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4.5-inch how. ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	18	36	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wagons, General Service																		
Technical Stores	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	6	-	-	-
18-pdr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	12	24	-	-	-
4.5-inch how. ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	18	36
Drivers -																		
Spare Horses ...	-	2	4	-	2	4	-	2	4	-	2	4	-	1	2	-	1	2
Spare	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
<u>2nd Line Transport</u> -																		
<u>Baggage</u>	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
<u>Supplies</u>	1	1	2b	-	-	-	1	1	2b	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-
<u>Extra Forage</u> ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2b
T O T A L ...	6	21	40	7	21	40	6	21	40	7	21	40	6	18	34	7	19	38

(b) Heavy draught horses.

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Appendix No. B

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First ANZAC Corps,

2nd April, 1917.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 69.
-----Subject :- Re-organisation of Howitzer Batteries.

1. With reference to First ANZAC General Staff Circular No. 62 of 25th March, paras 5 and 6, the following change has been made:-

The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will now take over the guns and wagons of the 106th Battery and not those of the 112th Battery for the completion of the 104th and 105th Batteries. The 106th Battery will take over the 4 Howitzers of the 112th Battery.

2. In consequence of the above change the following move will take place on April 4th.-

The 106th Battery less guns and ammunition wagons from line to camp at E.5.d.

On arrival at E.5.d. the 106th Battery will take over the 8 new wagons which are now on charge of the Sections of the 117th Battery, under arrangements to be made by the C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division.

On April 5th the O.C., 12th Aust. (Army) P.A. Bde will send to E.5.d. 4 howitzers and limbers at present on charge of 112th Battery. These will be taken over by the O.C., 106th Battery.

3. All guns and wagons will be handed over complete with stores, and receipts exchanged between the various battery commanders concerned.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

G. E. Walker
Major

for
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

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First ANZAC Corps.

2nd April, 1917.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 70.

Subject:- Organisation of Army Field Artillery
Brigade Park Sections.

1. Consequent upon an A.I.F. Order which is about to be issued the organisation of three army field artillery brigade park sections from A.I.F. personnel will be carried out forthwith on the orders of the S. M. T. O.

2. The park sections will be known respectively as the 3rd, 6th and 12th Australian Field Artillery (Army) Brigade Park Sections.

They will be attached to "K" Corps ammunition park. The 5 lorries and 10 drivers of each section for supplies will be attached to the supply column through which the brigade is being supplied.

3. The establishment of a park section is attached hereto.

4. (i) In consequence of the formation of park sections, the establishment of the undermentioned units will be reduced as follows, (authority A.I.F. Order above referred to and Q.M.G. 5972 (Q.A.1) of 15th February, 1917) :-

	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Transport</u>
(A) each divisional supply column	6 Drivers A. S. C.	3 lorries
(B) each ammunition sub-park	1 serjeant) 1 corporal) A. S. C. 15 drivers(a) 6 rank & file(b) Arty.	1 motor cycle 6 ammunition lorries

(a) includes 1 corporal and 1 lance corporal
(b) includes 1 corporal.

(ii) The personnel and vehicles thus available will be utilised for the formation of three park sections. A.I.F. personnel required to complete will be drawn from the base.

(iii) Surplus personnel of British units will be disposed of by the S.M.T.O. on the orders of the D.D.S. and T.

(iv) Surplus transport will be handed over to the corp supply column, where it will be retained to replace casualties.

(v) No alteration will be made in the workshop establishment of an ammunition sub-park.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. Osborne Capt.

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
First ANZAC Corps.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE PARK SECTION.

(To be attached to the corps ammunition park of the corps to which the Army F.A. Bde is allotted)

Detail	PERSONNEL.			Motor Cycles.
	Staff Sjts and Sjts.	Rank and File	Total	
Drivers A.S.C. M.T.	{ Serjeant	1	-	1
	{ Corporal	-	1	-
	{ for lorries	-	28(b)	28
	{ spare } (a)	-	4	4
Total	1	33	34	1
Attached for care of ammunition (c)	-	8(d)	8	-
Total including attached	1	41	42	1

TRANSPORT.

	<u>3-ton lorries</u>	<u>Motor cycles</u>	<u>Drives</u>
For personnel	-	1	-
For 18-pr.ammunition	6	-	12
For 4.5" ammunition(e)	2	-	4
Spare	1	-	2
For supplies (f)	5 (g)	-	10
Total	14	1	28

- (a) Includes 1 corporal and 1 lance-corporal.
- (b) Includes 10 drivers for the 5 lorries allotted for carriage of supplies.
- (c) Provided by the Royal Artillery.
- (d) Includes a corporal.
- (e) Will carry 18-pr. ammunition in the case of Army F.A. Bdes. consisting of four six-gun 18-pr. batteries.
- (f) Will be attached to the corps supply column of the corps to which the Army FA. Bde. is allotted.
- (g) Of which one may be a 30-cwt.lorry.

(Authority: 121/France/433 (S.D.2) of 13/3/17. 5972/QA1. 10504/70.C.)

SECRET

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First ANZAC Corps,

20th April, 1917

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR No. 71
-----USE OF TELEPHONES and BUZZERS IN THE DANGER ZONE.

It has been stated by a reliable prisoner that, owing to the valuable information obtained by means of their listening sets, it is intended shortly to instal three of these instruments in the sector of the 77th R.I. Regiment -- approximately D.16.c. to D.18.d.

All ranks should be cautioned on the use of telephones and buzzers in the front line, and should be made to quite clearly understand that, unless they adhere strictly to instructions already issued on this subject (G.S. Circular, No. 60 - dated 19th March, 1917), they may not only endanger the lives of their comrades, but also imperil the success of important operations.

S. S. Butterfield
Brigadier-General
General Staff, 1st ANZAC Corps

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APPENDIX C.

- Summary of operations during period 30th March-6th April. 1917.
- Report on capture of HERMIES DEMICOURT BOURSIES-9th April.
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First ANZAC Corps.

Summary of operations during the period
8 a.m. 30th March to 8 a.m. 6th April.

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1.- GENERAL.

Since last week's report the enemy has been driven out of DOIGNIES, LOUVERVAL, NOREUIL, LONGATTE, ECOUST-St-MIEN. The capture of these villages has deprived the enemy of the largest portion of his main outpost line opposite this corps.

The enemy outpost line now runs HERMIES - along road to J.22.b. - BOURSIES - J.5.b. - D.21.central - D.7.central - C.6.b. - U.30.central - U.29.central - U.28.central - BULLE-COURT.

The advanced line held by this corps now runs J.34.d.88 - J.28.a.55 - J.22.a.89 - J.16.c.84 - J.16.d.49 and 6 - J.16.b.97 - J.10.c.86 - J.10.b.17 - J.4.b.22 - along N.E. of wood to D.27.d.52 - D.27.c.72 - D.26.d.42 - D.26.a.55 - C.4.b.80 - C.18.d.66 - C.12.a.55 - C.6.c.45 - C.5.central to C.4.b.77.

2.- OPERATIONS (see attached copies of reports from 4th & 5th Australian Divisions.)

(i) British - At 4 a.m. on the 2nd April the 55th and 56th Battalions (14th Australian Infantry Brigade) attacked DOIGNIES, the high ground in J.3.b. and LOUVERVAL and the beetroot-factory. By 6 a.m. our troops had cleared the villages of the enemy and consolidated them.

At 5.15 a.m. the 50th and 51st Battalion attacked NOREUIL and by 7 a.m. the village was in our hands.

(ii) Enemy - During the 2nd April the enemy counter-attacked our right division five times. The first counter-attack developed in D.28, the second in J.17 from DEMICOURT, the third in J.11, the fourth in D.21, and the fifth from BOURSIES in J.5.c.

The second counter-attack was the heaviest and is estimated at 500 strong.

Our artillery fire was very accurate and, acting on aeroplane information, severely dealt with the hostile counter-attacks, all of which were driven off. 150 of the enemy killed were accounted for by the infantry and machine gunners and about 200 by the artillery. 1 officer and 90 other ranks unwounded, and 2 wounded, prisoners were taken.

During our attack on NOREUIL the enemy made several attempts to break through our line where a gap existed between the 50th and 52nd Battalions. Their attacks were all driven off. Towards evening the enemy were reported massing, apparently for a counter attack on NOREUIL; our artillery were informed and by their fire prevented this attack from developing.

3.- PATROLS - (i) British - Our patrols have been active during the week reconnoitring enemy positions, and when our attack on the 2nd instant was launched, the patrol reports proved to have been accurate.

(ii) Enemy - Hostile patrols have not shown any activity during the week.

4.- MACHINE GUNS (i) British - Up to the 2nd April our machine guns placed in advantageous positions fired on roads and tracks used by the enemy and generally endeavoured to harass the enemy as much as possible.

Several hostile working parties observed were fired on and dispersed with casualties.

Machine guns co-operated with the infantry attack on the 2nd April, and, when the objective had been gained, ~~main~~ ~~trained~~ were immediately placed in position for defensive work

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machine guns)

and proved exceptionally troublesome to the enemy.

(ii) Enemy - Between the 29th March and 2nd April enemy machine guns were very active firing on our patrols and our advanced line. Since then very little machine gun fire has been experienced.

5.- TRENCH MORTARS - (i) British - Trench mortars were used by us in the attack on NOREUIL and materially assisted the 50th Battalion capturing the enemy strong point in the sunken road at C.16.b.31.

(ii) No activity by hostile trench mortars has been reported during the week but four mortars and several pineapple bomb throwers were captured by us in NOREUIL.

6.- ARTILLERY - (i) British - The field artillery has rendered valuable assistance to the infantry. Close liaison between battalion and battery commanders has been possible and living targets have consequently been numerous. Fire was daily brought to bear on working parties, new work, strong points, suspected machine gun positions, and enemy wire.

Some very good work in conjunction with R.F.C. observers took place after the advance on the 2nd, when several zone calls were received and targets indicated; these were effectively engaged.

(ii) Enemy - Hostile artillery activity has not been great. Field artillery has been mostly active on our outpost line, but seldom concentrated. Sniping with 77 mm. has become a common practice on our left divisional front.

Heavy artillery has constantly shelled the villages of VAULX, LAGNYCOUPT, DOIGNIES, LOUVERVAL and BEAUMETZ, also sunken road junction C.29.a.42.

7.- CASUALTIES. -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks.</u>
Killed ...	6	178
Wounded ...	34	612
Missing ...	5	167
Total ...	45	957

J. L. M. Call
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding First ANZAC Corps.

Report received from 4th Australian Division on the attack by the 13th Australian Infantry Brigade on the village of NOREUIL and the high ground to the north and north-east, on 2nd April, 1917.

Prior to the attack, our outpost line ran - C18.c.55 - C.17.b.50 - C.17.a.10 - C.22.b.98 - C.22.a.96 - C.15.c.92 - C.15.c.88 - C.14.b.48 - C.8.c.11.

The plan of attack was that the 51st Battalion with their right on the road running through C.15.b would take the village from the south-west and co-operate with the 50th Battalion, whose left flank resting on the road to NOREUIL through C.16.c and a would make a flank attack on the village from the south-east.

The 'jumping-off' line for the attack was taped by both units perpendicular to the line of advance.

Zero time was 5.15 a.m. and proved a most suitable hour.

The objective of the brigade was the road running through C.11.c and d and C.4.d and c.

Reconnaissance - As the units had been in the line some days, careful reconnaissance had been made by all concerned, and parties moved to place of assembly and taped line without the slightest hitch.

Artillery Support - The barrage for the attack was carefully made out and thoroughly executed. The rate of the creep of the barrage - 100 yards in two minutes - was not too quick.

The attack. The right company of the left battalion did not meet much opposition in the village, but in NOREUIL - LONGATTE Road the enemy were in force and this line was thinly wired. An enemy machine gun and two trench mortars were captured here. One platoon was left to mop up, and a strong point was made at C.9.b.05 covering the low ground in C.9.b and C.3.d and protecting the left flank.

At 7 a.m. the main attacking line had reached its present position - an old German trench. Here touch was established with both flanks. Hostile shelling and machine gun fire had caused so many casualties that the company in reserve was pushed forward to the NOREUIL - LONGATTE Road.

The right battalion on reaching the village encountered machine guns from many places, but these were enveloped and silenced by rifle grenades and bombs. Firing the rifle from the hip proved very effective in the village.

The change of direction was successfully completed and the line moved forward, but owing to the peculiar formation of the ground and the strength of the enemy on their right who isolated and captured a portion of the right company and caused many casualties by their machine gun fire, they could not gain touch with the 52nd Battalion, who had pushed forward and established their left flank at C.17.b.17. Repeated attempts by the enemy were made to get through this gap, but a platoon from the reserve company thrown in prevented this. Towards evening consolidation of the whole line was completed, and as the enemy appeared to be preparing for a counterattack, our S.O.S. barrage was out down and prevented the attack from developing. During the night of 2nd/3rd April the 50th Battalion succeeded in connecting up with the 52nd Battalion on its right.

It would appear from evidence in the village that the enemy had no intention of giving it up at present.

Communications. The 51st Battalion pushed forward a report centre to C.9.d; the 50th Battalion to C.16.b, and maintained telegraphic telephonic communication throughout. Wires to the report centres were not cut once. An amplifier was placed at C.26.d.55 and power buzzers were taken to each forward report centre. As, however, telephonic communications were maintained, these were not used. Pigeons were taken into the attack and the first authentic message from the 50th Battalion came by that method from the front line. Visual messages were not sent. Contact to aeroplanes by flares gave admirable results.

The total prisoners captured were 5 officers, 108 other ranks. We also captured five machine guns, four trench mortars, a number of pineapple bomb-throwers, some telephones, signalling equipment, and bicycles.

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Copy of report received from the 4th Australian Division
on the attack carried out by them on 2nd April, 1917.

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At 4 a.m. on 2nd April the 55th and 56th Battalions attacked DOIGNIES, the high ground in J.3.b., LOUVERVAL and the beetroot factory. The attack was supported by 3 heavy batteries, 5 18-pdr. batteries, 1 4.5" howitzer battery.

No preliminary bombardment was carried out.

The 56th Battalion deployed at 4 a.m. on the line J.2.a.80 to J.8.c.66. Their objective was the beetroot factory, LOUVERVAL, and high ground J.3.b.

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The 56th Battalion followed in rear of the 56th Battalion and passed through at the BEETROOT FACTORY, objective being DOIGNIES which was to be attacked from the north-west.

At 5.45 a.m. the 56th Bn. rushed the FACTORY and proceeded towards LOUVERVAL.

At 6 a.m. the 55th Battalion rushed DOIGNIES. Just as our troops entered DOIGNIES the enemy exploded four mines in the village causing a number of casualties in the 55th Battalion.

A good deal of close fighting by the infantry took place and a large number of the enemy were killed.

Our troops cleared the villages of DOIGNIES and LOUVERVAL of the enemy and established and consolidated the line J.16.c.58 - J.16.d.88 - J.16.b.77 - J.10.d.50 - J.10.d.23 - J.10.b.187 - J.4.b.31.

The heavy artillery co-operated and were given BOURSIES, HERMIES and trenches on either flank as objectives, and also engaged hostile batteries in DEMICOURT.

Field batteries acting on aeroplane information dealt severely with enemy counter-attacks in D.28.a and d at 7 a.m. and in J.11.central about 9.15. am. The enemy counter-attacked five times in all, and on each occasion was driven back with heavy loss.

Twelve prisoners were captured during the day.

On the night 2nd/3rd April strong posts were pushed forward and our line established as at present held.

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REPORT on the Capture of HERMIES, DEMICOURT and BOURSIES, by the
 1st Australian Division, 9th April, 1917.

1. GENERAL.

When the division took over from the 5th Australian Division, the line ran as shown in red on the attached map. The divisional front was flanked on the right by the Canal du NORD. Running parallel with the Canal is the HERMIES ridge, and from this ridge a number of spurs run down towards the valley of the AGACHE River. The town of HERMIES occupies a commanding position on the summit of the main ridge. DEMICOURT is a smaller village about 2,000 yards north of HERMIES and on one of the lower spurs. North of HERMIES and somewhat to the west, the small village of BOURSIES straggles along the BAPAUME - CAMBRAI Road for about 1000 yards. The three villages were distant about 1500 yards from our forward line of posts. The intervening country is very undulating and devoid of cover save for one or two somewhat sunken roads.

The town of HERMIES was strongly prepared for defence on the S.W., S., and N.W. side. It was protected by wire and a carefully-planned trench system. On the N.E. and E. side very little preparation was made to meet an attack.

DEMICOURT was known to be defended, but was covered by very little defensive work.

BOURSIES was also defended with posts on the N., S. and W. sides of the village, and with a defensive work which traversed the village near its eastern end. On the northern side of this village, one of the spurs running in a north-western direction was defended by one or two small German posts.

2. PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

Of the three villages, the attack on HERMIES presented the greatest danger and difficulties. Its successful seizure would make the capture of DEMICOURT and BOURSIES a very easy matter. On the other hand, the seizure of Boursies alone would not have facilitated operations against either of the other villages to any great extent. It was clear that if both HERMIES and BOURSIES were captured DEMICOURT would soon become untenable to the enemy. It was determined, therefore, to endeavour to seize HERMIES and BOURSIES simultaneously and by surprise. It was evident that the enemy would be expecting some form of attack on these villages, and it was hoped that we might be able to divert his attention almost entirely to BOURSIES and to lead him to expect attack there prior to any other operations which we might undertake. As the last advance in this area had been the capture of LOUVERVAL and DOIGNIES, it seemed possible that the enemy might be led to believe that our policy was to sweep round from the northern side of the nearest village, viz., BOURSIES. In order to achieve this, it was determined that artillery action against HERMIES and DEMICOURT should not be varied from that which was being carried out normally.

On the night previous to that chosen for the capture of the village, it was determined to push out on the ridge north of BOURSIES to lead the enemy to the obvious conclusion that early operations against BOURSIES would be undertaken.

3. PRELIMINARY MEASURES.

Accordingly on the night 7th/8th April I endeavoured to gain the high ground to the north-west of BOURSIES in squares D.28.a. and b, D.23.c, J.5.a and b. This resulted in fairly heavy fighting by which our line was established from the crest of ridge at the western end of BOURSIES (J.11.a.18) along the street to crest to J.5.c.64, thence northwest along the sunken road which skirts LOUVERVAL Chateau wood on the north. In this fighting we suffered about 90 casualties, but accounted for many of the enemy. The normal artillery programme was maintained against HERMIES and DEMICOURT.

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4. DISPOSITIONS FOR THE ATTACK.

The 1st Brigade held the right sector from the Canal du NORD to the BAPAUME-CAMBRAI Road north of DOIGNIES. The 3rd Battalion was on the right, and the 1st Battalion on the left: 4th Battalion in support, and 3rd Battalion in reserve.

The 3rd Brigade held the left sector from the BAPAUME-CAMBRAI Road to C.12.central. The 12th Battalion was on the right, 10th Battalion on the left, 11th Battalion in support and 9th Battalion in reserve.

5. ACTION AGAINST HERMIES.

The plan of the 1st Brigade for the capture of HERMIES and DEMICOURT was to attack from the direction of DOIGNIES with the 2nd Battalion; the right of the battalion on the DOIGNIES-HERMIES Road, and the left of the battalion directed on the north-east corner of the town. The 3rd Battalion was to contain the enemy on the western and southern faces of the town, and to press home when the 2nd Battalion had reached the railway. To cover the forming up of the 2nd Battalion the posts of the 3rd Battalion which were covering DOIGNIES were pushed forward towards DEMICOURT. The 4th Battalion, less two companies, was brought forward to the vicinity of DOIGNIES.

The 2nd Battalion marched from HAPLINCOURT at 7.30 p.m. on the 8th and deployed under the cover of scouts and patrols without incident at 3.15 a.m. on 9th. Posts had been established by the 3rd Battalion to cover the flanks of the deployment. At 3.30 a.m. the advance to the assault position began. The battalion were formed up with one company in front line, two companies in second line, and one company in echelon on the left flank. At zero hour, 4.15 a.m., the assault was launched. The right company encountered strong opposition in J.23.d, but rushed the position with the bayonet and continued the advance. The left company swung round through J.24, and the enemy was thus caught between the cross-fire of the flank companies, and many of them surrendered. The centre company was delayed by a strong point at J.24.d.95, and more Germans were able to escape than would otherwise have been the case.

Hard hand-to-hand fighting continued in the village and along the railway line for an hour and a half, but by 6 a.m. all objectives had been regained, and HERMIES was completely in our hands with posts established about 200 yards from the town around the eastern side of it. The 2nd Battalion accounted for 264 Germans; 1 officer and 172 other ranks taken prisoner and one officer and 90 other ranks counted dead on the ground. In addition, the battalion captured one machine gun, three automatic rifles, two telephones and much equipment. The casualties suffered by the battalion totalled eight officers and 172 other ranks.

The 3rd Battalion on the right of the 2nd Battalion had the task of clearing the area between the railway and the canal, and had to face the enemy's main defences. The battalion advanced on a two-company front and moved at 3.45 a.m. from their assembly formation to reach their base of departure by 4.15 a.m. Immediately after leaving their assembly position they came under machine and rifle fire, but they continued the advance and reached the assaulting position at zero hour. The left was unable to advance further owing to the wire and the enemy's fire and many casualties were suffered at this point. When the 2nd Battalion had seized its objective, the enemy began to feel the pressure, and his resistance gradually decreased, rapidly. The right pressed on and occupied the cemetery in J.36.a and joined up their line with the 2nd Battalion. The 3rd Battalion took 28 prisoners and three machine guns. Their casualties totalled 63.

6. ACTION AGAINST BOURSIES.

The 3rd Brigade was allotted the task of capturing BOURSIES, and the 12th Battalion was detailed to make the attack.

The village was covered by strong enemy posts on the high ground to the north and north-west, and it was essential that this ground should be made good before the village could be held. Fighting for this high ground began on the night 7th/8th as already mentioned.

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At 10.30 p.m. on the 8th the enemy launched a determined counter-attack on the 12th Battalion and succeeded in gaining a footing in their line but were at once ejected by a counter-attack. The attack seriously interfered with the preparations for the operation of the 12th Battalion timed for 4.15 a.m. 9th, from the N.W., but was hung up by machine gun fire on the left. Two platoons skilfully led by Lieut. DADSON attacked the enemy trenches in J.B. central and captured them taking two enemy machine guns with little loss themselves. The captured machine guns were at once turned on the retreating enemy.

From this stage until 12 noon very little progress was made. By noon fresh parties had been organised to mop up the village from the west and south. At 2 p.m. the remainder of the enemy's garrison was driven out and fled back towards the German main line.

7. ACTION AGAINST DEMICOURT.

The 1st Battalion was detailed to cover the flank of the 2nd Battalion in its attack on HERMIES and to occupy DEMICOURT after the capture of HERMIES and BOURSIES. The battalion was disposed with three companies in line. At 6.5 a.m. information was received that BOURSIES had been occupied and five minutes later a report was received that DEMICOURT was believed to be evacuated. The left company was accordingly ordered to get into touch with the 12th Battalion in BOURSIES and all three companies were ordered to push forward patrols to DEMICOURT.

One patrol (Lieut. SAMPSON and 24 other ranks) from the left company came under machine gun fire from the left flank, but, by taking advantage of the ground and by covering the advance of one part of the patrol by the fire of the remainder Lieut. SAMPSON managed to work round the left of the village.

At 7.30 a.m. the attacking companies moved forward, but were held up by machine gun fire. At 7.52 a.m. it was reported that the enemy had again occupied the village and artillery fire was directed on it with good effect. At 8 a.m. the attacking companies again moved forward and at the same time Lieut. SAMPSON's patrol mentioned above rushed the village and manned a sunken road east of it. The enemy about 50 strong counter-attacked but were driven off by the patrol.

The attacking companies moved up on the flanks, but the enemy directed a heavy artillery fire on to both companies and on to the village. The companies on the right and left of the village fell back, but the patrol in the village held its ground.

At 10.15 a.m. the right company reported the capture of the SUGAR FACTORY on the HERMIES-DEMICOURT ridge, and at 10.50 parties from the left company entered the village. By 11 a.m. our line was established east of the village and in touch with the 2nd Battalion on the right and covering the m. g. the gap on the left.

By nightfall the new line was consolidated throughout as shown in blue on the attached map.

The artillery of the 5th Australian Division and the 3rd Bde. (Army) A.F.A. rendered most valuable assistance. F.O. O's. rendered valuable service in sending back timely information.

The F.O.O. with 2nd Battalion, Lieut. R.B. DOUGHTY, went right forward of HERMIES and was able to give complete information of the enemy throughout.

The operations resulted in the capture of three villages all strongly held - 2 officers and 203 other rank prisoners, 7 m. g's., 5 automatic rifles, 2 bomb throwers, and much equipment. In addition, heavy casualties in dead and wounded are known to have been inflicted on the enemy. 10 officers and 90 other ranks were counted dead on the ground covered by the 2nd Battalion alone. Total casualties are estimated at 800 to 900.

Our casualties for the operation total 497.

(Signed) H. B. WALKER,
Major-General,
Commanding 1st Aust. Division.

REPORT on ATTACK against the HINDENBURG LINE by the 4th Australian Division - 11th April, 1917.

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1. After the capture of NOREUIL by the 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. on 2nd April, the divisional front was established on a line running north of LAGNICOURT and NOREUIL.
2. Instructions were received from First ANZAC on 3rd April for preparations to be made to attack the HINDENBURG LINE in the neighbourhood of BULLECOURT at an early date in conjunction with the corps on our left.
3. On 4th April I carried out a thorough reconnaissance of the front, and decided that the best plan was to launch one complete brigade against BULLECOURT, whilst another brigade attacked the line immediately east of that point. Left flank of this division to be at the cross-roads at C.2.a.82.
4. Further instructions were received on 6th April which laid down that BULLECOURT was not to be assaulted, but was to be bombarded during the assault and subsequently "squeezed out".
5. Part of the 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bdes. took over the front from the 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. on April 7th/8th, so as to be ready to deliver the attack, when required, at short notice.
6. On 8th April instructions were received that the state of the wire, which could only be bombarded by heavy artillery, made an attack impossible until after the 10th instant.
7. On 9th April, about 4 p.m., verbal instructions were received that, as it was possible that the enemy would shortly evacuate the HINDENBURG line, strong patrols were to be sent out to reconnoitre it. In the event of it being vacated, it was to be occupied. In the event of it being still held and the army commander ordering it to be attacked, the attack was to be carried out at dawn in co-operation with 12 tanks.
8. Officers' patrols were sent out. They reported the line held. Orders were received for it to be attacked at dawn on the 10th.
9. All preparations were made, and the troops were formed up ready to attack, but the tanks lost their way in the dark and as soon as it was obvious that they could not reach the starting line until broad daylight the attack was cancelled and the troops withdrawn. Aided largely by a snowstorm - which helped to conceal their movements - this withdrawal was carried out with only slight casualties. All the troops concerned were considerably exhausted as the result of being under arms most of the night.
10. On 10th April orders were received for the attack in conjunction with tanks to be carried out at 4.30 a.m. the following morning.
11. Subsequent operations were as under -

3.5 a.m.	All tanks reported in position. This report was furnished by the tank officer, but proved afterwards to be inaccurate.										
4. a.m.	All troops reported to be in position ready to attack - dispositions as under -										
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4.30 a.m.	Tanks moved forward, but only one reached the HINDENBURG line (in front of the right brigade) where it was immediately put out of action. It is doubtful whether any tank passed the HINDENBURG line, though one was reported being observed going towards HENDECOURT.										
4.45 a.m.	Infantry moved forward under heavy machine gun and rifle fire.										
6.50 a.m.	1st and 2nd objectives reported captured by both brigades after suffering heavy casualties in getting across the wire.										
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12. Efforts to push on to HENDECOURT failed, though it is probable that

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 bable that some of the 15th Battalion under Captain DUNWORTH, M.C., using communication trenches, got to within 100 or 150 yards of the village and were made prisoners.

13. The 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bdes. (the latter reinforced by one company of the 47th Battalion) attempted to close the gap which existed between them and which was due to the failure of the tanks. This gap was never successfully closed, and was a continual source of worry and danger to both brigades.

14. In order to cover the left of the left brigade, a flank barrage was put down, as soon as our exact positions were known.

15. During the whole period the enemy delivered repeated counter-attacks against both flanks of both brigades, and that also bombed down communication trenches from RIENCOURT. Large numbers collected in the Sunken Road in U.23.c and U.22.d and repeatedly attacked our left flank.

16. Efforts to send forward more bombs failed, all the parties that attempted to go forward being mown down by machine gun fire from RIENCOURT and BULLECOURT, and it was reported that unless more bombs, etc., could be got up it would be impossible to hold on.

17. Between 11 and 11.30 a.m. a strong flank attack developed against the left of the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. which was gradually forced to withdraw, followed by the 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. An artillery barrage was put down promptly to cover the withdrawal, which was completed about 12.15 p.m. The original line along the railway and in the sunken road to the north of it was reoccupied.

II.

Casualties inflicted on the enemy were very heavy

- (a) 38 prisoners, wounded and unwounded, were sent back to the corps cage. An additional 30 were killed by enemy machine gun fire in NO MAN'S LAND.
- (b) 4th Aust. Machine Gun Coy. inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy in the neighbourhood of RIENCOURT. At 9 a.m. they dispersed a battalion moving from QUEANT towards RIENCOURT in close formation.
- (c) 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. accounted for large numbers in the sunken road in 23.c and 22.d.
- (d) The artillery repeatedly fired on and dispersed bodies of the enemy between RIENCOURT and HENDECOURT and HENDECOURT and BULLECOURT.

III.

(not attached)
Action of the Tanks - A special report from commanding officers of the 3rd 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. is being forwarded under separate secret cover.

IV.

The reasons for our failure to hold the line were in my opinion as under -

1. Owing to the tanks giving no assistance whatever to the infantry, the latter had to advance under heavy machine gun fire across open ground and clamber over wire which was in many places quite undamaged. This caused heavy casualties, and the troops, when they reached their objectives, were in considerable confusion and very reduced in numbers.

2. Owing to the tanks failing to do their work, a large gap was left between the two brigades, which could never be closed and whence the enemy delivered repeated counter-attacks.

3. Owing to BULLECOURT not being attacked, and the idea of "squeezing it out" with the help of tanks being an impracticable one, it commanded the open ground and made it quite impossible for carrying parties to get forward with bombs, etc., although large forward dumps had been formed north of the railway line.

4. If BULLECOURT had been attacked, as originally intended, and if our attack had been carried out under an artillery barrage - even with the wire only partially cut as it was - I am confident that the ground gained could have been held.

V.

The general conduct of those concerned in the attack was beyond all praise.

- (a) The infantry brigadiers made very thorough arrangements

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for the attack and in spite of the short time given them in which to complete their plans, all details were well thought out.

(b) The performance of the infantry, who went forward unaided against a strongly-wired line and captured it and held it for seven hours, speaks for itself.

(c) The artillery were considerably handicapped by doubt as to the position of our troops, but they answered all calls made on them, and the prompt barrage they put down when the troops were forced to retire saved many casualties.

(Signed) WILLIAM HOLMES,
Major-General,
Commanding Fourth Australian Division

NOTES ON POINTS OF INTEREST IN RECENT OPERATIONS.

No. G.61

(A) Operations during German Withdrawal -General.

1. During the latter part of March and the first days of April the operations were in the nature of advanced guards versus rear guards. The difficulty of getting guns and transport over the zone in which trench warfare had been carried on made the movements of advanced guards somewhat slow. Uncertainty as to the limits of the enemy retirement also tended to diminish the rate of advance.

It is remarkable how little use the enemy made of his wire and other obstacles. German troops showed a distinct disinclination to fight in the open, and in consequence the majority of encounters took place in the vicinity of destroyed villages.

R.F.C.

2. Despite bad weather conditions, sufficient experience was obtained to show how important it is that the system of communication with aeroplanes should be well understood, and never neglected. Too much attention cannot be paid to the proper use of wireless between artillery and R. F. C., and the use of flares, shutters and ground slips by infantry units.

Mounted Troops.

3. The mounted troops of this corps are armed with a rifle only. The fact that the enemy fought mostly in villages put the mounted troops at some disadvantage. The open ground was favourable for manoeuvre, and, probably, if the mounted troops had been trained more for work in co-operation with infantry, better results would have been obtained. In patrolling the mounted troops did good service.

Artillery.

4. It is noteworthy that in the attack on LAGNICOURT on the 26th March our infantry succeeded for a time in stopping hostile artillery fire by using the German yellow signal, which an enterprising officer had observed to be in use by the enemy.

Great assistance has been obtained in ousting the enemy from rear guard posts by bringing up single guns (18-pdrs.) to close range.

As appendix hereto is an interesting memorandum prepared by the G. O. C. 5th Australian Division dealing with the employment of artillery in this stage (see Appendix "A").

Infantry.

5. Offensive spirit, envelopment and prompt counter-attack are the outstanding features of infantry action. All preparations for attack must include arrangements for counter-attack, and this latter must provide for taking advantage of making further gains after the inevitable dislocation of the enemy due to failure of his counter-attack.

Troops need it continually impressed on them that rifle fire is of first importance. Trench warfare has brought about an intuitive reliance on bomb and bayonet.

All troops require more practice in the combination of all weapons in an enveloping attack. As the enemy defends himself mainly in villages, time spent in training troops in surrounding such defences will be well spent.

Troops want more practice in forming up at night on a previously selected line, and officers require more training in the continuous use of a compass while moving at night.

Light T.M.'s.

6. These are most valuable for dislodging the enemy from strong points in villages or trench systems. The present lack of mobility of this weapon has on more than one occasion led to delay in completing a success.

Machine and LEWIS guns.

7. The following notes on the employment of machine guns and LEWIS guns in the attack on LAGNICOURT in March have been forwarded by the 2nd Australian Division -

(i) LEWIS Guns -

"Hosing" was carried out -

(a) while advancing through the village. By this means

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a searchlight, working in conjunction with a machine gun, was put out of action - the detachment being destroyed.

- (b) While advancing through the village. It was fired down the streets while bomber went through the houses on both sides.

So much were the LEWIS guns used in this way that they became too hot to hold and the men had to direct the fire by holding the supporting sling with the left hand. In this battalion the slings were attached by a copper wire wound round the radiator.

The LEWIS gun was, as usual, of the greatest value in holding the line of posts pushed out in front and the counter-attacks could not have been stopped without them.

The guns were on some occasions put out of action by mud, due to men falling and dropping the gun.

(ii) VICKERS Guns -

Two guns were attached to each attacking battalion. It is doubtful whether this is the best means of employment. The guns are liable to be forgotten in view of the number of things the battalion and company commanders have to attend to, and they are also liable to be used where LEWIS guns should be used.

It would be better for a machine gun officer to keep in close touch with each battalion commander to ascertain his wishes, and then carry them out as well as he can, choosing his own positions and numbers of guns to employ to achieve the object.

The guns not allotted to infantry battalions carried out a programme of barrage fire, both on the objectives to be assaulted and on the ground behind when the artillery lifted.

There does not appear to be any value in having machine guns firing on trenches under artillery barrage fire. The enemy have their heads down. They could be more usefully employed on sweeping approaches.

Plans should be previously worked out for the advance of machine guns to selected positions from which a counterattack can be met by concentrated and, if possible, enfilade or oblique fire, and as soon as the assault has taken place the guns should move into position.

In spite of the above remarks, it is only fair to place on record the fact that good work was done by those guns which did move up with the assaulting infantry.

Communica- 8. There is a too great reliance on the telephone. Visual
tions. signalling was neglected when it might often have been made use of.
full advantage is not taken of wireless.

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First ANZAC Corps.

13th April, 1917.

1st Australian Division.

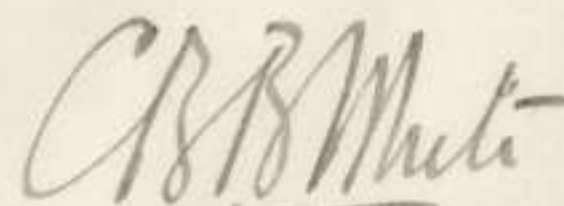
Operations.

1. Under present plans, it is intended to capture BULLECOURT and the HINDENBURG line as far to the east as U.30.a.29 at an early date.

2. It is desirable that the HINDENBURG line east of QUEANT should be threatened as early as possible before the attack mentioned above is made and also subsequently.

To this end I am to direct that on the right sector of the corps front our posts be advanced ^{to} suitable positions within approximately 1000 yards of the HINDENBURG line, particularly in the area between D.23.central and LAGNICOURT.

3. In addition, every effort will be made by artillery and machine gun fire on the front by the right division to prevent the enemy from establishing and strengthening posts in advance of the HINDENBURG line.



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FIRST ANZAC CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS,
1st ANZAC.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR WEEK ENDED 8 a.m., 13th April, 1917.

(1) General -

At the beginning of the period under review the 5th Australian Division was relieved in the ~~left~~^{right} sector of the corps front by the 1st Australian Division. The most noticeable events during the week were the operations carried out by the 1st Australian Division on the 9th instant and by the 4th Australian Division on the 11th instant.

(2) Operations - (i)

On the night of the 6th/7th April, the 52nd Battalion (4th Australian Division) took over from a battalion of the V Corps, the railway line running from U.27.d.24 to U.28.c.53 and also pushed forward the right company and occupied the railway line from U.28.c.53 to C.4.b.86.

On the night of the 7th/8th April a battalion of the left brigade of the 1st Australian Division succeeded in establishing themselves on the high ground north-west of BOURSIES. The enemy offered a strong resistance, and inflicted about 90 casualties on this battalion. At 10.30 a.m. on the 8th April a strong hostile counter-attack, after gaining a temporary footing in our newly-won position, was driven off.

At 4.30 a.m. on the 9th April simultaneous assaults were delivered on HERMIES and BOURSIES by the 1st and 3rd Aust. Inf. Bds. respectively, while DEMICOURT was kept under artillery fire. The operation was wholly successful, and resulted in the capture of HERMIES, DEMICOURT and BOURSIES. 194 prisoners were captured, also seven machine guns, five automatic rifles, and two trench mortars.

(A separate report dealing with this operation is in course of preparation by the 1st Australian Division, and will be forwarded as soon as received.)

By the night of the 9th April our line was consolidated from the CANAL du NORD (J.30.a), east of the three captured villages to D.28.central, where it connected with our old line.

At 4.45 a.m. on the 11th instant the 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bdes. attacked the HINDENBURG line from U.30.a.15 to U.28.b.59. The tanks which were supporting the ~~success~~ attack were not a success, as six were put out of action by direct hits before reaching the wire. The two brigades were unable to retain the positions occupied, and fell back to the position originally held, which is the railway line running from ~~U.27.d.24 to U.28.c.53 and also pushed forward the right~~ U.27.d.25 to C.5.d.86 with posts in front.

(A separate report dealing with this operation is in course of preparation by the 4th Australian Division, and will be forwarded as soon as received.)

Operations (ii) -

At 10.30 a.m. on the 8th April the enemy heavily counter-attacked the positions gained by the 12th Battalion near BOURSIES on the previous night. Under a heavy barrage of bombs the enemy gained a footing in the SUNKEN Road in J.5.c, but was immediately ejected by a counter-attack delivered by a company of the 12th Battalion. Fighting in this locality continued under 1.30 a.m. on 9th April, and seriously interfered with the dispositions of the 12th Battalion for the attack on BOURSIES timed for 4.30 a.m. 9th April.

During the 9th April the enemy was observed to be

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massing in HAVRINCOURT, and a counter-attack on HERMIES was expected. Heavy artillery fire was opened on HAVRINCOURT, and the counter-attack did not materialise.

(3) Patrols -

Strong patrols have been out each night during the week to keep touch with the enemy, examine his wire, and try and obtain an estimate of the strength with which he was holding his front line. As usual, the work of these patrols has been considerably hampered by enemy machine guns firing across no-man's land. On the night of the 12th/13th April patrols out on our left divisional front reported that an enemy field gun was active shelling the area over which the patrols were working. Hostile patrols have been very inactive during the week.

(4) Machine Guns -

Our machine guns have been active during the week on enemy roads and communications in rear, and at night have played on the enemy wire in order to prevent repairs being made. The machine gun companies co-operated with the attack on the HINDENBURG line on the 11th April, covering our flanking parties by directing fire along the enemy's trenches. Hostile machine guns have been normally active during the week. During our attack on the 11th April enemy machine guns firing from the flanks caused us many casualties.

(5) Artillery Our artillery was very active during the early part of the week preparing for our attack on the HINDENBURG line on the 11th April. Since that date wire-cutting has been resumed, and preparations continued for a fresh assault on the enemy line at an early date. On the 9th April our artillery successfully co-operated with our infantry in the attack on HERMIES, DEMI-COURT and BOURSIES.

(6) Casualties -

				<u>1st Australian Division.</u>			
				<u>Officers</u>		<u>Other Ranks</u>	
Killed	...	...	...	10	...	174	...
Wounded	...	...	...	22	...	473	...
Missing	...	...	...	-	...	9	...
<u>TOTAL</u>				32	...	656	...

4th Australian Division.

(Estimated - actual figures not yet obtainable).

				<u>Officers</u>		<u>Other Ranks</u>	
Killed	17	...	134	...
Wounded	25	...	501	...
Missing	43	...	2026	...
<u>TOTAL</u>				85	...	2660	...
<u>TOTAL for Corps</u>				117	...	3316	...

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 REPORT by 1st Australian Division on Operations of 15th April, 1917.

In the early morning of 15th April the enemy in great strength attacked all along our front and also on part of the front of the 2nd Australian Division on our left, the attack being delivered in greatest strength against the front LAGNICOURT - NORREUIL.

At 3.50 a.m. heavy hostile artillery fire was developed against the villages in rear of our front line and against our battery positions. It was especially severe against HERMIES, DEMICOURT, DOIGNIES, LAGNICOURT, MORCHIES and their vicinities.

At 4.15 a.m. the enemy attacked along our whole front in great force.

On our right brigade front the attack was made in greatest strength against HERMIES, but was repulsed with very heavy loss to the enemy, 150 dead being counted on one company's front alone. Further north in the vicinity of DEMICOURT and BOURSIES our troops were forced to give ground by sheer weight of numbers after inflicting severe casualties.

On our left brigade front the company on the extreme left was holding a frontage of about 1,000 yards with three platoons in the line. After putting up a strenuous resistance it found itself attacked both front and rear owing to the enemy having broken through the troops on its left flank.

The three platoons were overwhelmed. The support platoon resisted the enemy in sq. C.18.a until the attack worked round its left and rear. This company lost between 60 and 70 per cent. of its effectives.

The company on its right, although surrounded on three sides through the same cause, held its ground, and continued to punish the enemy severely.

The division on our left formed a defensive flank facing east and covering NORREUIL. The attackers moved in through the gap and swung to the south and captured LAGNICOURT.

One of our machine guns which had been moved to C.29.a.08 inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy as they attempted to come over the ridge in C.22.d and C.23.e.

The enemy pushed on to about the track running east and west through Sq. C.25.a.05. A counter-attack by two companies of the brigade reserve and the reserve of the left battalion in conjunction with a counter-attack by a battalion of the 2nd Australian Division on our left, succeeded in driving the enemy back to his original line with very heavy losses, many of them surrendering. From D.20.a.90 to the right of the brigade front in J.5 our troops retired slowly in face of superior numbers to a line from two to three hundred yards in rear of their original line.

Throughout the engagement very heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy, 1,000 being a conservative estimate of their dead left in front of our lines.

We captured 117 prisoners and a machine gun. Our casualties were -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Killed	3	100
Wounded	12	350
Missing	4	. 385
	<u>19</u>	<u>835</u>

We lost four machine guns and had five field guns damaged in LAGNICOURT.

REPORT by SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION on operations of
15th April, 1917.

On taking over from the 4th Australian Division the advanced line of resistance ran from right to left as follows -

C.12.central - C.5.d and a - C.4.b - U.28.d and c - railway embankment. The 1st Australian Division was on our right, with 62nd Division on our left.

The sector was held by two brigades, distributed in depth, 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the right and 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the left, with the road running north-east from NOREUIL through C.5.c and a and U.29.c and a as the inter-brigade boundary.

The right brigade sub-sector was held with two battalions in the advanced line, 17th Battalion on the right and 18th Battalion on the left. 19th Battalion with support battalion, with 20th Battalion in reserve at VAULX.

At 4.30 a.m. on 15th instant hostile artillery put down a heavy barrage on LONGATTE, which severed artillery communications in that sector. At 4.55 a.m. 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. received word from their support battalion (19th Battalion) in position on NOREUIL - LAGNICOURT Road, that men of the 12th Battalion, 1st Australian Division, had come into their lines, stating that the enemy had attacked and driven in their piquets. The 5th Aust. Inf. Bde. then stood to arms, and at 5.5 a.m. the support battalion pushed one coy. on to ridge in C.16.d, to form a defensible flank, and the reserve battalion established a strong post with two LEWIS guns at C.22.c.90.

At 5.10 a.m. VICKERS guns of 5th Aust. M.G. Coy. were sweeping NO MAN'S LAND in direction of QUEANT from C.12.central.

At this time the enemy attack had extended to the west, and the 17th Battalion became engaged. The right coy. of his company was forced to give ground, as the battalion of the 1st Australian Division on its right had been pushed back, thus leaving our flank in the air, with some enemy in rear. At 5.15 a.m. this company withdrew to support line in C.11.a and was reinforced at 5.30 a.m. with two additional LEWIS guns.

At 5.45 a.m. the enemy had passed through LAGNICOURT, reading a line approximately as follows -

C.23.d.42 - C.23.c.07 - Cross-roads C.22.b.20 and ridge C.16.d.20.

At 5.46 a.m. 20th Battalion took up a position facing E.N.E. on ridge N. E. of BOIS de VAULX. At 5.50 a.m. the 17th Bn. was prolonged to the right by the addition of two companies. Two companies of 20th Battalion were now pushed forward to the crest of the ridge North-east of VAULX-VRAUCOURT, and one along VAULX-LAGNICOURT Road, to support their patrols.

At 6.20 a.m. 19th Battalion connected with 17th Bn. on their left and the 20th Battalion on their right.

At 6.30 a.m. our artillery placed a very effective barrage with 18-pdrs. and 4.5-inch hows. on the valley of the HIRONDELLE, C.11.c. and d and on the ridge in C.17 and 18. Some of the guns were run up and open sights used.

At 6.33 a.m. the 20th Battalion received instructions to push the enemy out of his position and move round LAGNICOURT to outflank him.

The 20th Battalion attacked the enemy vigorously and, combined with concentrated LEWIS gun fire, and assisted with an effective artillery barrage, were successful in driving him back. At the commencement of this retirement the barrage was placed W.N.W. of LAGNICOURT, about 200 yards in rear of the enemy, with the result that they surrendered freely.

By 8.45 a.m. the 20th Battalion had driven the enemy out of LAGNICOURT, mopped it up, and pushed forward to re-establish the original line of the 12th Battalion. A delay occurred on the northern end of the village owing to the difficulty in getting the artillery barrage lifted. It appears that part of this artillery fire came from the division on our right.

At 1 p.m. the whole of the line had been re-established,

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and the 20th Battalion were holding the line of posts vacated by the 12th Battalion in their retirement.

The enemy troops operating on our front were 15th and 77th R. I. R. of 2nd Guards Reserve Division. The enemy lost very heavily in this operation, his casualties including at least 800 dead left on our sector. In addition, we took 4 officers and 241 other ranks prisoners, 5 machine guns, and two converted LEWIS guns.

During the enemy advance through LAGNICOURT, four 18-pdr. guns of 4th Battery A.F.A. and one 4.5-inch howitzer of 102nd How. Battery, were destroyed by the enemy with explosives. Dial sight ^{and} breech blocks had already been removed by the gunners shortly after the alarm was given.

During the actual operations two guns were damaged by direct hits from hostile artillery fire.

Our casualties during the operation were -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>
Killed	-	49
Wounded	7	157
Missing	-	86
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>292</u>

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FIRST ANZAC CORPS.

HEADQUARTERS
1st ANZAC
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SUMMARY of OPERATIONS for week ended 8 a.m. 20th April, 1917.

1. General -

At the beginning of the period under review the 4th Australian Division was relieved in the left sector of the corps front by the 2nd Australian Division.

The most important event of the week was the attack made by the enemy on the 15th instant, along practically the whole corps front.

On the 13th April the 1st Australian Division was ordered to advance during the night to suitable positions within approximately 1,000 yards of the HINDENBURG line, with the object of threatening that line to the east of QUEANT. This operation was successful.

The line now held by the corps runs -

K.31.a.73 - SQUARE COPSE - K.20.a.48 - K.14.a.41
K.7.c.88 - K.7.c.26 - J.6.b.20 - J.5.b.central
- D.29.central - D.28.b.19 - D.22.c.84 - D.22.
c.04 - D.21.d.63 - D.20.d.73 - D.20.d.19 -
D.14.c.55 - D.13.b.04 - D.7.c.71 - D.7.c.20 -
C.12.central - C.6.c.32 along railway in C.5.d and
a, - C.4.b, W.28.d and c.

2. Operations -

(i) On the night 13th/14th April the 1st Australian Division advanced their front except on the left flank for a distance of from 1000 yards to 1500 yards. Two battalions in each brigade sector were involved (the 3rd, 4th, 9th and 11th Aust. Inf. Bns.). Considerable resistance was met with during the advance, the right brigade finding the enemy in force at K.7.c.87 and in SQUARE Copse (K.25.d), and the left brigade encountered strong posts at D.21.a.04 and D.20.a.09. Everywhere the enemy was driven out with loss, and by the morning of the 14th the new line was established and organised in a series of strong posts. As a result of this advance we captured 2 prisoners of the 95th R.I.R. and one converted LEWIS gun. Our casualties were 9 other ranks killed and 37 other ranks wounded.

(ii) At 10 a.m. on the 14th the enemy rushed ^{and} occupied two posts in the left brigade sector of 1st Australian Division at D.23.d.28 and D.22.d.39, and captured nine of our men and one LEWIS gun. The enemy were at once counter-attacked and the posts re-established.

In the early morning of the 15th April the enemy in great strength attacked along practically the whole of the corps front, the main attack being directed on LAGNICOURT. The attack broke through and occupied the village of LAGNICOURT and pushed on to the ridge at C.22.b.59. The enemy captured two brigades of field artillery and succeeded in blowing up four of our 18-pdrs. and one 4.5-inch howitzer. A strong counter-attack was at once organised, and by 8.45 a.m. the enemy had been driven out of LAGNICOURT and by 1 p.m. our front had been re-established in ^{on} approximately its original position. As a result of this operation we captured 4 officers and 358 other ranks prisoners, 5 machine guns and two converted LEWIS guns. A conservative estimate of the enemy dead on the corps front as a result of this operation is 1500. Our casualties were -

	Officers	Other ranks
Killed - - -	3	149
Wounded - - -	19	507
Missing - - -	4	471
	26	1127

Separate reports ^{on this action} from both 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions are attached.

3. Patrols

Patrols -

(i) Our patrols have been extremely active during the week along the whole corps front. Patrols from the 2nd Australian Division have been out every night examining enemy wire in front of the HINDENBURG line between BULLECOURT and QUEANT.

(ii) Very few hostile patrols have been encountered: those reported have been engaged in patrolling their own wire and have shown very little enterprise.

4. Machine Guns -

(i) Our machine guns (VICKERS and LEWIS) have been extremely active with direct and indirect fire on enemy trenches, cross-roads and known approaches. At night enemy wire has been kept under fire in order to prevent him repairing any damage done to it by our artillery fire during the day.

During the operations of the 15th instant, the VICKERS and LEWIS guns) together with rapid rifle fire assisted very materially in holding up the enemy's advance. They also ensured the success of our counter-attack on LAGNICOURT.

(ii) Hostile machine gun activity has been normal throughout the week. Much direct fire and little indirect fire has been reported.

5. Trench Mortars -

On the night 16th/17th April an enemy trench mortar fired a few rounds into the right battalion sub-sector of the 2nd Australian Division front.

During the night 19th/20th April the enemy used a trench mortar against our posts in K.20.a and K.7.d.55.

6. Artillery -

(i) The general policy has been -

(a) to engage at once any favourable target which presented itself, and

(b) by maintaining a close liaison between infantry and artillery to ensure the instant co-operation of the artillery in repelling any enemy counter-attack.

The work of the artillery in the left sector of the corps front has been devoted mainly to wire cutting on the HINDENBURG line between BULLECOURT and QUEANT.

In the operations of the 15th instant the corps heavy artillery rendered valuable assistance and inflicted many casualties on the enemy both during his advance and his retirement to his own lines.

(ii) During the past week hostile artillery fire has been normal. All the villages in the forward area have been consistently shelled, also all sunken roads and valleys.

The enemy shells are nearly all high explosive, and guns and howitzers of all calibres up to 8-inch have been used.

7. Changes in Divisional Boundaries -

On the 17th instant the inter-divisional boundary in the forward area was re-adjusted to read as follows -

From S. W. to I.4.central, thence along a line drawn through C.23.b.55 - C.18.c.83 - C.18.b.50 - D.7.central.

8. BANGALORE Torpedoes -

On the night 18th/19th instant nine BANGALORE torpedoes were successfully discharged in enemy wire between U.29.b.2535 & U.29.a.9536 by the 2nd Australian Division. Lanes 12 feet to 15 feet wide by 17 feet to 19 feet deep were blown.

9. Casualties to 8 a.m., 20th April, 1917 -

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O. Ranks</u>
Killed	6	206
Wounded	29	709
Missing	7	490
	<u>42</u>	<u>1405</u>

SUMMARY of OPERATIONS for the week ended 8 a.m., 27th April, 1917.

1. GENERAL -

There has been no general forward move during the period. The 1st Australian Division and the 11th Division in the right sector of the corps front have been consolidating the line gained during the recent operations, and the 2nd Australian Division in the left sector has been preparing for the coming attack on the HINDENBURG line.

During the week the 11th Division relieved the 1st Australian Division in the right sector of the corps front.

The enemy's attitude during the past week has been defensive rather than offensive. He appears to be very alert, especially at night time, and has displayed a certain amount of nervousness by sending up a large number of flares and rockets.

2. OPERATIONS -

(1) The relief of the 1st Australian Division by the 11th Division in the right sector of the corps front was carried out on the nights 23rd/24th April and 24th/25th April, without incident, and the command of the right sector was taken over by the G.O.C. 11th Division at 9 a.m. 25th April.

(2) On the night 21st/22nd April a raid was organised to destroy a strong point at D.14.c.55 which was strongly wired. The garrison of the strong point was estimated at from 50 to 60 men, with a machine gun. The raid was made by four officers and 70 o.r.'s. of the 8th Aust. Inf. Battalion. They divided into two parties, one working round to the right rear of the post and the other making a frontal attack on the post. The enemy put up a strong resistance against the right rear party. The party making the frontal attack was met by machine gun fire, which was quickly dealt with by cleverly placed LEWIS guns. Both parties closed in, rushed the post, and, after some hand-to-hand fighting, drove the enemy out. Three prisoners were taken, 19 of the enemy killed, and a number wounded. The enemy were able to carry off their machine gun, but left the tripod. Our casualties were one o.r. killed and 14 o.r.'s. wounded. We held the post till morning, and then withdrew to our own lines.

(iii) On the night 25th/26th the right of our line was advanced to K.31.b.55 - K.31.b.76 - K.31.b.88 - K.25.b.80 - K.25.b.75. iv

(iii) During the night 26th/27th posts were established on the western bank of the Canal du NORD at K.26.c.60, K.26.c.74, K.26.c.89, and a STOKES mortar was dug in at K.26.c.48.

3. PATROLS -

- (i) Our front has been patrolled nightly with the object of
- locating enemy posts:
 - examining enemy wire:
 - preventing, if possible, hostile patrols approaching our posts.

This work was carried out very successfully, a number of enemy posts being located on our right divisional front and much useful information gained as to the state of the wire in front of our left division.

(ii) Hostile patrols have been very inactive, and have not ventured very far from their own wire.

4. MACHINE GUNS -

(i) Our VICKERS and LEWIS guns have been very active with direct and indirect fire on enemy trenches, cross-roads and all known approaches. A large number of enemy working and wiring parties have been successfully dispersed by our machine gunners.

(ii) Enemy machine gun fire has been normal during the week. Several new positions have been located and systematically dealt

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with by our artillery. It has been observed that a large number of machine guns come into action immediately our aircraft go over on patrol duty.

5. TRENCH MORTARS -

On our right divisional front, enemy mortars have been very active during the week. The shooting, however, has been very erratic, and caused little damage. On our left divisional front hostile trench mortars were active on the nights 23rd/24th and 24th, 25th April.

6. ARTILLERY -

(i) The general policy has been to harass the enemy at every possible opportunity. Enemy roads, communication trenches and approaches have been systematically shelled. Cutting of enemy wire has been continued during the week, and a light fire kept on gaps and destroyed portions to prevent repairs being effected. Our field artillery has engaged various enemy strong points along our front, and has daily dispersed parties of the enemy with good results. The heavies have been mainly engaged on counter-battery work, shelling of villages on our front, and destruction of enemy wire. This work the heavy artillery has carried out very successfully.

(ii) Hostile artillery fire has been normal throughout the greater part of the week, but towards the end a slight decrease was noticeable. There has been a considerable increase in hostile counter-battery work, assisted by aeroplane observation. Mixed barrages, consisting of gas shell (poison and lachrymatory) H.E. and shrapnel of various calibres, were placed on several occasions during the night time in the valleys between LONGATTE and LAGNICOURT.

7. BANGALORE TORPEDOES -

During the week 20 BANGALORE torpedoes were successfully exploded in enemy wire on the 2nd Australian Divisional front.

8. On the night 24th/25th April the inter-divisional boundary was altered to and now runs from H.23.d.50 - I.14.central - I.10.central - I.5.d.22 - C.30.b.55 - D.19.b.60 - D.14.d.50 - D.15.b.28.

9. Casualties to 8 a.m. 27th April, 1917 -

					<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
<u>1st and 2nd Australian Divisions</u> -						
Killed	...	...	...	...	-	83
Wounded	...	...	...	...	18	300
Missing	...	...	...	...	-	3
					18	386
<u>11th Division</u> -						
Killed	1	5
Wounded	4	25
Missing	-	-
					5	30
TOTAL for Corps					<u>23</u>	<u>416</u>

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