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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAIZIEUX	April 1st.		Cloudy with fine intervals. Situation unaltered and generally quiet. A hurricane bombardment was carried out against DERNANCOURT between 5.30 p.m. and 5.45 p.m., all field guns and heavies were made available. Patrols from 12th and 13th A.I. Bdes. moved into village on completion and found it still occupied by the enemy. Divl. H.Q. shelled out of chateau at BAIZIEUX and took up temporary position in a pre-arranged site 500 yards away. 12th A.I. Bde. moved H.Q. from LAVIEVILLE to a quarry at D.4.C.2.3.	Appx. 1 Sum'y of operations.
BEAUCOURT	2nd.		Fine with good visibility. D.H.Q. moved to BEAUCOURT chateau as BAIZIEUX rendered untenable, direct hit scored by enemy. Inter-Bn. relief carried out by 12th A.I. Bde.	Appx. 2 Sum'y of operations.
	3rd.		Work proceeding satisfactorily with the construction of posts and wiring, wire being rather scarce. 4th Bde. now attached to 37th Div. carried out a successful raid capturing 2 M.Gs. & killing 50 enemy. 12th Bde. repulsed an attack of one Bn. with heavy loss to enemy. Fine and clear with good visibility. 12th Div. relieved 17th Div. on our left during night. G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Div. visited D.H.Q. General situation looking better.	Appx. 3. Sum'y of operations.
	4th		Overcast and wet. Situation quiet and unchanged on Div. sector. Considerable firing heard south of SOMME.	Appx. 4. Dist. of Units.
	5th		Overcast and wet. Information from prisoners the attack on AMIENS was to be launched from direction of ALBERT. Necessary precautions taken accordingly. Hard day's fighting for Div. Enemy opened heavy bombardment of battery positions and forward area at 7 a.m. which was followed by infantry action. Initial attacks beaten off with loss, but eventually enemy pushed a M.G. through culvert near DERNANCOURT and enfiladed left flank. Heavy artillery fire and repeated attacks caused 13th Bde. to fall back from outpost line to chain of posts 300 yards in rear. 12th Bde's. right flank driven in about same time. Counter attacks regained portions of lost ground finally establishing themselves along high ground previously selected as main front line. Enemy casualties very heavy throughout the day. Troops tired but cheerful & confident.	Appx. 5 Sum'y of operations. Appx. 6. Sum'y. of operations.
	6th		Dull with bright intervals and wet night. After yesterday's heavy fighting in which our troops inflicted very severe losses on the enemy, our line was established from BUIRE along railway to E.19.D.4.4 thence northwards to about E.13. Central, E.8. Central, to E.2. Central where line joined 12th Div. on left. Three and possibly four German Divs. were thrown into the attack against 12th and 13th Bdes., on 5th instant. 106th Bde. (British) which had manned G.H.Q. line	Appx. 7 D.O. 107. Appx. 8. D.O. 108. Appx. 9. D.O. 109.

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BEAU-COURT.	6th		near BAIZIEUX moved out at noon their place being taken by 6th A.I.Bde. who came under order of Divl. Commander from that time. 6th A.I.Bde. relieved the 12th A.I.Bde. in left Bde. sector completing relief at 12.10 a.m. Former returned to G.H.Q. line BAIZIEUX and are tired after ten days in the front line where they withstood attacks daily & only fell back to main line of resistance after fierce fighting against odds on the 5th. Both Bdes. have fought magnificently, likewise M.G.Coys. Many M.Gs. were fought till the last when the crews died at their guns.	Appx. 10. Sum'y. of Ops.
	7th		Cloudy with fine intervals. Bright clear evening. Situation unchanged and comparatively quiet on whole sector. Corps Commander visited G.O.C. and both called on Brigadiers of 12th & 13th Bdes. 7th A.I.Bde. relieved the 13th A.I.Bde. in right Bde. sector the latter moving to a place of concentration south of LAHOUSOYE. 6th A.I.Bde. moved Bde. H.Q. to chateau at HENENCOURT. Much aerial activity at night by both sides, the enemy dropped several bombs on AMIENS.	Appx. 11 D.O. 110.
ALLON-VILLE.	8th		Overcast with wet morning. 13th A.I.Bde. placed at disposal of 3rd Aust. Div. for holding flank position along the R. SOMME. Bde. bivouacked in open and were wet through, dry underclothing obtained and moved into position after dark. 2nd. Aust. Div. relieved 4th Aust. Div. in left sector of Corps front at 10 a.m. G.O.C. visited Aust. Corps. 12th Bde. resting & re-organising.	
	9th		Overcast with light showers at intervals. Units busy re-organising and completing equipment etc. Instructions issued for 12th Bde. to move to RAINNEVILLE. G.O.C. visited Aust. Corps H.Q.	Appx. 12 Dist. of Units.
	10th		Overcast and cool. 12th A.I.Bde. & 12th Field Ambulance marched to RAINNEVILLE area.	Appx. 13 Dist. of Units. Appx. 14
	11th		Misty in morning, afterwards bright & hazy. G.O.C. visited 4th Bde. which is still attached to 37th Div. Situation unchanged.	Instrs. for De- fensive No. 1. Appx. 15. Warning of Order 'A'. Appx. 16 Instrs. for De- fensive No. 2.

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ALLONVILLE	12th		Bright and fine with clear visibility. 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. moved to MONTIGNY area with H.Q. at EBHARDT FARM. Corps Commander and G.O.C. visited 12th & 13th Bde. H.Q. C.R.A. handed over Command of the Artillery in 'C' Div. Sector to C.R.A. 2nd Aust. Division. Hostile aeroplanes very active.	
	13		Overcast and cool. Scheme issued for the holding of the line along the HALLUE River. Reconnaissances carried out by G.O.C. 12th Bde. and G. Staff to decide on position of posts to hold crossings. 1 Bn. 12th Bde. moved to BAIZIEUX under 2nd Aust. Div., 1 Bn. 12th Bde. move to LA HOUSOYE under 3rd Aust. Div. for furnishing nucleus garrisons in the BAIZIEUX and LA HOUSOYE Lines respectively.	App. 17. Distrb. of Units.
	14		Dull and squally. Very cold. Lt. Col. H. PAUL arrived from Reinforcement Camp and took over Command of Defences as set out in D.O. 111. General situation unaltered.	App. 18
	15		Overcast and cold. Good progress being made in construction of defences. G.I. inspected LA HOUSOYE line and QUERRIEU Line. Trenches South of River appear to be badly sited and of little value.	App. 19 Distrib. of Units.
	16		Overcast and cold. Work on defences very satisfactory. 12th Bde. digging splendidly. Situation unaltered.	

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LLONVILLE,	17		Dull and cold with slight drizzle. G.O.C. visited Corps H.Q.. Work on Line South of River	
			HALLUE very satisfactory. Situation unaltered. There would appear to be a certain amount of overlapping in connection with the trenches being sited and dug under R.E. supervision. Some Distribution of the latter are hopeless, being made in country below the River level are full of water. Consider Infantry more capable of siting a line than Engineers.	App. 20. Units.
	18.		Dull with bright intervals. Situation unchanged. Work on Defences proceeding. Divisional Commander inspected portion of R. HALLUE Line and discussed situation with Brigadier 12th Bde.	
	19		Cold with squalls of sleet, bright intervals. Corps Commander visited Div., G.O.C. 12th A.I. Bde. evacuated sick. Orders received for the return of 45th and 46th Bns. to 12th Bde. Situation unaltered, work on Defences proceeding. Hostile aircraft very active during night dropping several bombs in vicinity of D.H.Q.	
	20		Cold and dull with bright intervals. Good visibility. G.O.C. visited 13th M.G. Coy. at training PONT NOYELLES. 46th Bn. relieved by 5th Inf. Bde. returned to line of River HALLUE. Enemy 'planes again active.	App. 21. Instns. for Def. No. 3 App. 22. Instns. for Def. No. 4 issued.
	21		Bright and cool. Corps Commander visited Division. Situation unaltered. Church services held in Brigades.	App. 23 Distrib. Units App. 24 Warning Order.

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ALLONVILLE.	22		Fine, generally cloudy. Army Commander visited D.H.Q. 12th Bde. commenced training,	App. 25
			having completed work on R. HALLUE Line. 13th Bde. moved to QUERRIEU Area and became Army Reserve.	G. 69.
	23		Fine with fair visibility. LA HOUSOYE, FRANVILLERS and ANCRE Lines reconnoitred by G. Staff	App. 26
			representative, special attention given to M.G. positions. Several bombs dropped during	D.O. 112.
			night close to D.H.Q., no casualties. Conference held at D.H.Q. attended by Brigadiers,	
			B.M's., C.R.A., A.D.M.S., A.Q., D.A.D.O.S., C.O. M.G. Bn. and C.R.E. to discuss various	
			tactical and administrative matters.	
	24		Foggy morning afterwards fair. Heavy Artillery fire during early hours of morning. Enemy	
			reported to have advanced in 8th Div. Area on Right of 5th Division. 13th A.I. Bde. Group in	App. 27
			Army Reserve ordered to BLANGY - TRONVILLE at 9.15.a.m. and are placed under orders of III	Distribution of Units.
			Corps. 13th A.I. Bde. in conjunction with 15th A.I. Bde. launched a converging counter	
			attack at 10.P.m. and reached the Southern and Eastern outskirts of VILLERS BRETONNEUX	
	25		Cold and misty. 13th Bde. under orders of 8th Div. were successful with their operation	
			but suffered severely owing to mopping up parties of 8th Div. detailed to clear VILLERS	App. 28
			BRETONNEUX failing to advance thus exposing their flank. British Brigade on Right (54th) do	Distrib. of Units.
			not appear to have advanced either! 12th Bde. held in readiness to move at 15 minutes	

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LLONVILLE.	25	(contd)	Notice, Motor busses waiting at billets of each Battalion to convey them rapidly anywhere.	
			Anniversary of ANZAC DAY.	
	26		Dull cold and misty. MOROCCAN Division on right of 13th A.I.Bde. launched an attack, details not to hand. Orders received to take over Command of 8th Div. Area at 2.p.m. on 27th.	App. 29 D.O. 113.
			G.O.C. and G.S.O.1 visited 5th Div. to arrange details as they, in meantime, are to assume control. Order altered later at night for our Div. to take over at 10.a.m. on 28th, from 8th Division and not 5th Aust. Div. Several alterations being made which are not apparent from the Divisional point of view. G.O.C. visited Corps H.Q.	
	27		Fine and hazy. G.O.C. and G.S.O.1 visited 8th Div. to arrange details of relief. 12th A.I.Bde. relieved 13th A.I.Bde. in Right Sector of 8th Div. Front from WARFUSEE Road Southwards. 4th A.I.Bde. moved to QUERRIEU and occupied positions vacated by 12th A.I.Bde.	App. 30. D.O. 114.
GLISY.	28		Dull with poor visibility. 4th Aust. Division took over Command of A.I. Div. Sector from 8th Div. at 10.a.m. from V.5. Central to P.30.C.O.O. The MOROCCAN Div. (FRENCH) on our Right, 5th Aust. Div. on Left. 4th A.I.Bde. relieved 15th A.I.Bde. in left Div. Front during night and occupied Reserve position. Situation generally quiet. A systematic search of VILLERS BRETONNEUX carried out by 12th A.I.Bde., so far 15 Germans have been discovered and made	App. 31. Distrib. of Units. App. 32. Instrns. for Def. No. 3

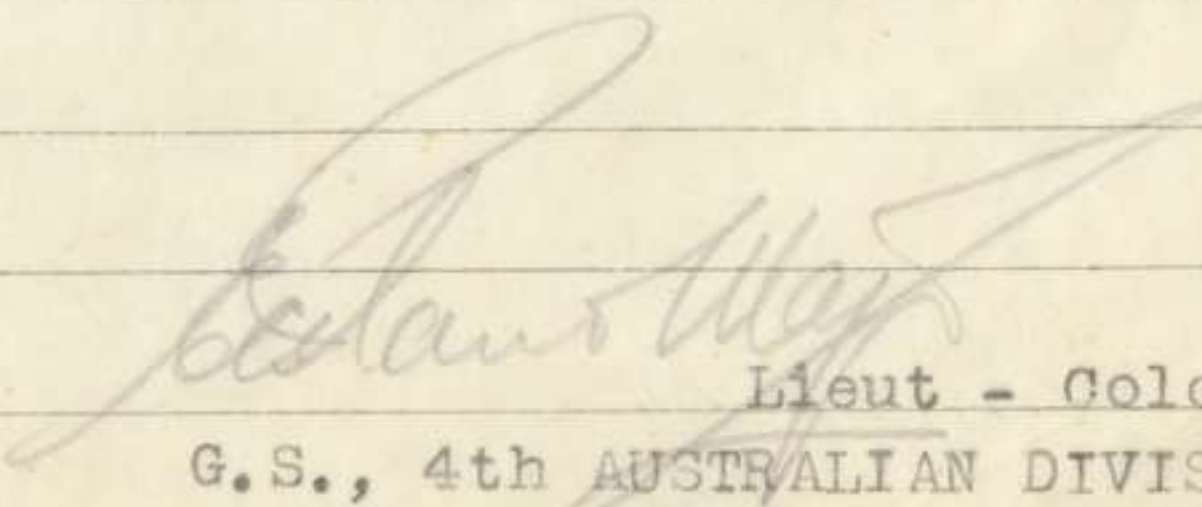
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GLISY	28		prisoners. The Divisional Commander and Staff of 37th FRENCH Division visited D.H.Q.	
	(contd).		as they anticipate that they may take over our Sector.	
	29		Dull and cold. Corps Commander called at D.H.Q. and visited Brigade Headquarters.	App. 33.
			Situation unaltered and generally quiet. Liaison with the FRENCH working satisfactorily.	Distrib. of Units.
			GLISY shelled lightly during afternoon.	App. 34 Summary of Intelligence
	30		Dull, unsuitable for aircraft. Situation generally quiet. Work progressing satisfactorily	
			in improvement of Defences. 12th A.I.Bde. pushed Line out on Left Bn. Front about 300 yards,	App. 35
			and dug in without opposition. Policy to gradually work forward under cover of vigorous	Summary of Intelligence
			patrolling. Plans being discussed for an attack for an attack shortly on MONUMENT WOOD, Sheet	
			62D. U.S. Divisional Commander, B.G.G.S., and G.S.O.1 visited MOROCCAN Divisional H.Q. with	
			a view to arranging for them to co-operate by advancing to high ground in U.17. and U.11.	
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 241.

From 6 a.m. 31st March, 1918 to 6 a.m. 1st April, 1918.

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1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Active during day. MORLINGCOURT, DERNANCOURT and VILLE SUR ANGRE were shelled. An enemy trench mortar was destroyed at E.3.D.7.6 by our 4.5 Hows.
- (b) Trench Mortars. Trench Mortars fired on enemy Machine Guns and Trench Mortars keeping their fire down.
- (c) Machine Guns. Harassing fire was carried out on roads and bridge near VIVIER MILL.
- (d) Aircraft. Our planes carried out the usual reconnaissance and observing flights.
- (e) Patrols. Liaison and protective patrols were carried out on Div. frontage. Between BUIRE and DERNANCOURT no enemy could be discovered. In VILLE SUR ANGRE enemy movement of troops and transport was heard during the early part of the night. On artillery fire being brought to bear, shouts were heard and sounds of confusion.
A patrol exchanged shots with the enemy at E.3.D.7.1.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

From 6 prisoners - 3rd Naval Div. Normal.

3. Raids. Enemy attempted a raid in E.3.B. Raid consisted of two parties of 30 and 40 respectively, with one officer with the raiding party. They belong to Assault Detachment of 3rd Naval Div. and were brought forward from near MEAULTE to carry out raid. Raid was beaten off by rifle and M.G. fire, most of the party being killed or wounded.

4. ENEMY ARTILLERY. Squares D.7.D, E.2.D & C, E.8.B & C were shelled at intervals. Our trenches in E.8.CENTRAL and our wire in E.15.A & C were shelled ~~at intervals.~~ ~~at intervals.~~

5. ENEMY ATTITUDE.

Except for attempted raid in E.3, enemy's attitude was quiet. Less movement was reported over the spur. ALBERT and POZIERES road had considerable traffic at times.

6. WORK.

- (a) New earthworks were seen at E.16.A.8.7.
- (b) Trench Mortars. Enemy T.M's were active from E.3.D.6.7 and also from DERNANCOURT. These were silenced by our 4.5's and 18 pdrs. respectively
- (c) Machine Guns. Inactive during period.

7. AIRCRAFT. Enemy aerial activity increased. High flying and low flying ^{planes} were over our lines at intervals. At 6.45 p.m. 2 E.A. landed at E.23.CENTRAL. Considerable movement was observed near them but they rose again before artillery could be brought to bear on them. Two planes, one being black and a letter B and with black cross and letter S were over our lines for about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Small parties were noticed in squares E.27 and K.1 and 2. Also brilliant headlights on road between BRAY and FREGOURT moving towards BRAY.

H. B. G. Capt
Lieut. Colonel

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 242

From 6 a.m. 1st April to 6 a.m. 2nd April, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. MORLANGCOURT and high ground around it were shelled at intervals. VILLE SUR ANCRE also received attention during the day and night. A brisk bombardment of BERNANCOURT took place from 5.30 p.m. to 5.45 p.m. Patrols report some damage to the village but the enemy still holds it in strength.

(c) Machine Guns. Vickers fired on a working party at K.1.CENTRAL and this target was kept under harassing fire during the night. Roads in vicinity of VIVIER MILL were also kept under fire.

(d) Aircraft. Active during the day over enemy lines.

(e) Patrols. Liaison and protective patrols operated during the night. Special patrols visited BERNANCOURT to see what damage was done by bombardment and whether the village was occupied by enemy. Patrols report village strongly held and the village damaged a little. One M.G. which was firing from village was bombed by one patrol. Patrol reports. Enemy has bridges over ANCRE at E.20.D.7.5 and E.20.D.3.3 on which he has sentries. A patrol at E.3.D.3.2 engaged a working party digging. They threw bombs until groans were heard and enemy rifle fire became too strong. The patrol then withdrew and engaged party with rifle grenades.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. RAIDS. Nil.

4. Enemy Artillery. BAISIEUX, BRESLE, BUIRE, HENENCOURT, LAVIEVILLE, MILLENCOURT and roads in the vicinity were shelled occasionally throughout the day and night.

5. WORK. What appears to be an outpost trenches were observed in K.8.CENTRAL and K.2.B & D.

(b) Machine Guns. Active Machine Guns are located about K.1.A.6.8, E.25.B.85.45, E.15.C.9.5 and E.16.C.1.9.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Enemy aircraft were over our lines at intervals during the day. A few light bombs were dropped W. of BUIRE at 7 a.m. Between 9.45 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. a flight of 16 E.A. flew over our lines but did not penetrate far.

8. ENEMY MOVEMENT. A party of 40 cavalry were seen to move down slopes in E.23.C and E.28.B at 5.25 p.m. but when our bombardment commenced they retired over the hill. Small parties were noticed in K.2.CENTRAL and digging parties in E.29.C and K.28.D. Movement on ALBERT - PAZIERES road was engaged by artillery.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

Signal lamps were noticed at E.25.B and T.B. of 90° from D.22.C.5.4, Snipers. Our snipers with telescopic rifles engaged and caused casualties among the enemy.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 243.

From 6 a.m. 2nd April to 6 a.m. 3rd April, 1918.

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1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Our artillery was normally active throughout the period and fired on the following targets :- MORLANCOURT, DERNANCOURT, VIVIER MILL, E.26.A.3.5, and sunken road in K.10 and K.9. Roads and tracks from MEAULTE and ALBERT were kept under bursts of fire throughout the night.
- (b) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars effectively silenced active machine guns in E.28.D and E.15.B.D. A working party in E.5.B was ~~fixed~~ fired on and dispersed.
- (c) Machine Guns. Vickers guns were active throughout the period and carried out indirect fire on SUNKEN Road (K.1.CENTRAL) and VIVIER MILL (E.16.A). Low flying hostile planes were also engaged during the day.
- (d) Aircraft. Our planes were active and carried out low reconnaissances of the enemy's lines.
- (e) Patrols. Liaison and protective patrols operated along the divisional front during the night. Patrols operating in vicinity of DERNANCOURT report enemy is holding this town fairly strongly. Movement of transport heard from the direction of MORLANCOURT. At E.9.D.3.9 one of our patrols came in contact with an enemy party about 40 strong. Our patrol engaged the hostile party and had to withdraw owing to superior numbers.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Hostile artillery was much quieter than usual. The forward slopes in E.19, 13, 14, 7 and 8 were intermittently shelled throughout the period. LAVIEVILLE, HENENCOURT, BRESLE, BAIZIEUX and BRESLE WOOD (D.8.CENTRAL) were subjected to bursts of fire during the day. A 4.2 battery has been located at F.14.D.2.1.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Enemy was not as alert as usual. No offensive spirit was shown except for two small patrols encountered near ALBERT.

6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

- (a) Trenches. A trench is being dug at E.3.D.3.2. Small parties were seen to enter trenches in K.7.A.&B, K.2.B & C and E.28.C & D.
- (b) Trench Mortar located at E.30.CENTRAL
- (c) Machine Guns. Machine guns were active during day from RED Cottage at E.3.D.05.25.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy aircraft were active and crossed our lines on many occasions. At 7.40 p.m. a low flying plane fired on our battery positions between LAVIEVILLE and HENENCOURT.

8. Movement. Continuous movement of small ^{parties} observed throughout the morning between MORLANCOURT and VILLE SUR ANCRE. About dusk movement of small parties was observed in E.24.A.

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Distribution of Units.
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Units.	Ref. Map 1/40,000.	Remarks.
Divisional Headquarters	B. 2. A.	BEAUCOURT CHATEAU.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	Detached with 37th Div.	
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.</u>	D. 4. C. 8. 3	IN QUARRY
45th Battalion	D. 18. CENTRAL	
46th Battalion	V. 29. C. 3. 6	
47th Battalion	D. 12. B. 6. 9	
48th Battalion	D. 12. B. 5. 3	
12th Aust. n. G. Coy.	D. 10. B.	LAVIEVILLE
12th A. L. T. n. Bty.	V. 28. C. 8. 1	
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.</u>	D. 7. D. 5. 9	
49th Battalion	D. 8. D. 7. 9	
50th Battalion	D. 1. CENTRAL	
51st Battalion	D. 17. C. 0. 5	
52nd Battalion	D. 18. C. 2. 0	
13th Aust. n. G. Coy.	D. 18. C. 2. 0	
13th A. L. T. n. Bty.	D. 8. A. 6. 3	
<u>4th Div. Artillery H. Q.</u>	B. 2. A.	BEAUCOURT CHATEAU
10th Bde. A. F. A.	D. 9. D. 7. 5	
11th Bde. A. F. A.	D. 5. B. 1. 4	
65th Bde. R. F. A.	D. 2. C. 6. 9	
150th Army Bde. R. F. A.	D. 10. B. 7. 1	
95th Bde. R. F. A.	D. 9. B. 5. 7	
4th Aust. D. A. C.		AGNICOURT.
21st D. A. C.		HAVELINCOURT.
D. T. n. O.		BEAUCOURT.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H. Q.</u>	B. 2. A.	BEAUCOURT CHATEAU.
4th Aust. Field Coy.	C. 6. A. 1. 4	
12th " " "	V. 10. D. 3. 9	
13th " " "	D. 7. D. CENTRAL	
4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	B. 2. A.	BEAUCOURT CHATEAU.
<u>4th Aust. n. G. Bn. H. Q.</u>	B. 2. A.	BEAUCOURT CHATEAU.
24th Aust. n. G. Coy.	C. 6. B. 6. 3	
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.	V. 21. C. CENTRAL	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train H. Q.</u>		VADIECOURT
7th Coy. A. A. S. C.	detached with 4th Bde.	
14th Coy. A. A. S. C.		AGNICOURT.
26th Coy. A. A. S. C.	U. 26. D.	Near CONTAY.
37th Coy. A. A. S. C.	U. 26. D.	" "
S. S. C.		VADIECOURT
Railhead		BELLE EGLISE FARM.
4th Div. H. T. Coy.		VILLERS BOGAGE.
<u>A. D. A. S.</u>		BEAUCOURT CHATEAU.
4th Aust. Field Amb.		TOUTENCOURT.

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12th Aust. Field Amb.
13th " " "

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WARLOY.

4th Div. Sanitary Section

BEAUCOURT.

4th Div. Mob. Vet. Sec.

AGNICOURT.

4th Div. Salvage Coy.

TOUTENCOURT.

Reinforcement Camp.

CAESTRE.

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B. 2. A.

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Any alterations or amendments to be forwarded to Div. H. Q. by 12 noon daily.

W. J. Stewart L.

for Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 8 a.m. 4th April, 1918.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Amendment to Distribution of Units - dated 4th April, 1918.

Unit.	Map Reference 1/40,000	Remarks.
For B.2.A., BEAUCOURT CHATEAU read B.12.A.		
12th Aust. Field Coy.	V.26.P.3.9	
13th " "	D.7.A. CENTRAL	
4th Div. Train	B.12.A.	BEAUCOURT CHATEAU
S.S.O.	B.12.A.	VIGNACOURT.
Railhead		

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Alfred Wood (Capt)

As at 11 a.m. 4th April, 1918.

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 244.

From 6 a.m. 3rd April to 6 a.m. 4th April, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Our artillery was normally active throughout the period. Divisional Artillery carried out shoots on MORLANCOURT, BUIRE and DERNANCOURT, MEAULTE, VIVIER MILL and VILLE SUR ANCRE. Throughout the night harassing fire was carried out on roads and tracks. In answer to an S.O.S. from the infantry a barrage was put down at 8.15 a.m. along the divisional front. Several small working parties were dispersed during the day.
- (b) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars carried out shoot on northern edge of DERNANCOURT and hutments in E.15.B. Active machine guns and snipers were also fired on and silenced.
- (c) Machine Guns. Vickers Guns carried out indirect fire on enemy's tracks and approaches.
- (d) Aircraft. Our planes were active throughout the day and carried out low reconnaissances of the enemy's lines. They engaged several enemy aircraft about 8.30 a.m.
- (e) Patrols. Liaison and protective patrols operated along the divisional front during the night. They report enemy movement at E.25.B.6.3 and E.21.B.1.9. No hostile patrols encountered and otherwise quiet.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. One prisoner captured belonged to the 2nd Coy., 1st Marine Inf. Reg. 3rd Naval Division (Normal).

3. RAIDS. At 8.15 a.m., after a short bombardment of T.M's and artillery enemy attacked our line of posts along railway in E.9.D & B. Attack was broken up by machine gun and rifle fire before reaching our lines. One prisoner remained in our hands.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. Hostile artillery fire was not as heavy as usual on right brigade front. Left Brigade front was subjected to heavy bursts of fire throughout the morning and was exceptionally heavy in E.8, E.9 and E.15. prior to and during hostile raid on our outpost line.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Works. Enemy continues to work on lines of posts from K.7.A to K.1.B and K.3.CENTRAL to E.28.C.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. Enemy planes were active throughout the day and crossed our lines on several occasions. They were engaged by our Machine Guns and anti-aircraft guns. They were exceptionally active during raid on our lines and dropped many green flares.

8. MOVEMENT. Much movement was again observed on ALBERT - POZIERES road. Small parties were observed throughout the day on MORLANCOURT Ridge.

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

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 245.

From 6 a.m. 4th April to 6 a.m. 5th April, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. GER OPERATIONS.

- (a) Artillery. Our artillery was active throughout the period. Roads and communications were subjected to intermittent fire. Between 5 and 6.30 p.m. our guns shelled DERNANCOURT and VILLE. At 6 a.m. (5th) our artillery opened a brisk concentration bombardment on enemy communications. From 5.15 to 5.25 p.m. the valleys in E.26, 27 and K.2 were searched and swept with fire. This was repeated from 6 to 6.10 p.m. From 5 to 6 a.m. our guns searched and swept the ground behind our S.O.S. lines. ALBERT - DERNANCOURT, ^{RAD} sunken road running south from VILLE, and all possible assembly points were subjected to bursts of fire.
- (b) Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars effectively engaged various parties and suspected M.G. positions during the period; 14 rounds were fired into houses in front of DERNANCOURT Church.
- (c) Machine Guns. Movement on DERNANCOURT - VILLE road was fired on. Bursts of fire were directed on other targets during the period.
- (d) Sniping. Over 100 rounds were expended by our snipers during the day, many hits being claimed.
- (e) Aircraft. Very little activity during the day owing to unfavorable weather conditions.
- (f) Patrols. Many reconnaissance patrols operated on the Divisional front throughout the night and early morning. Movement and transport heard on DERNANCOURT - VILLE road. A patrol reported at about 2 a.m. 10 enemy moving between the ANCRE and railway line; otherwise no movement observed. Liaison and protective patrols operated along the whole front throughout the night.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Nil.

3. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. More than usual activity. Between 5 and 6 p.m. several 150 mm's fell in vicinity of our line in D.2.D, D.3.C and D.8.B. D.21 was heavily shelled during the afternoon. The railway line was subjected to light shelling with 77's. About 15 large air bursts were observed along line through E.19.CENTRAL.

4. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Fairly quiet. Machine guns were fairly active against our front line intermittently throughout the night.

5. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY. Inactive. During the period in which the enemy shelled our positions 2 planes bearing our markings and the letter "A" flew low over the spot being shelled, afterwards disappearing in the clouds. No balloons were seen.

6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

- (a) Machine Gun. located near church in DERNANCOURT.
- (b) Enemy post at E.25.C.2.5.
- (c) Trenches. The sunken road from K.1.B.2.4 to K.1.D.0.0 is occupied as a trench. Road through E.27.A and E.21.D. is occupied as a trench.

7. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Men were observed in E.7 and 8, K.2.D and K.3.A. Several men seen running to an enemy post at E.25.C.2.5 were fired on and casualties inflicted. Wheeled transport heard at E.21.C.2.9 and VILLE during the night. Several enemy seen in streets in DERNANCOURT, two of whom were carrying straw across street at E.21.D.5.8. Working party heard about D.25.CENTRAL on several occasions during the night.

8. MISCELLANEOUS. Tracks. Many tracks leading from DERNANCOURT converge at embankment in K.8.A.8.B.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 107.

Ref. map 1/20,000 Sheet 82D, H.E.
& " 1/40,000 " 82D.

Headquarters,
6th April, 1918.

1. (a) The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 6th Aust. Field Ambulance have been placed at the disposal of the G.O.C., 4th Aust. Division and move into the Divisional Area this morning, 6th April.

(b) The 106th Inf. Bde., now in occupation of the RIBEMONT - BAIZIEUX line from the ALBERT - AMIENS road northwards is to be withdrawn from the control of the 4th Aust. Division at 12 noon today 6th.

(c) The 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. debusses at LA HOUSSEY and on completion will move up to and occupy the RIBEMONT - BAIZIEUX line from the main ALBERT - AMIENS road (inclusive) in D.19.G to D.1.A., with three battalions and a M.G. Coy. in relief of the 106th Inf. Bde. One battalion will be kept in reserve in C.5.

2. The 6th Aust. Field Ambulance will move into reserve in BEAUCOURT vicinity and will report to 4th Aust. Divisional H.Q. there.

3. The role of the 6th Aust. Inf. Bde. may be either to occupy the LAVIEVILLE line running through D.22, D.23, D.16, D.11, East of LAVIEVILLE and thence through D.4, or to counter-attack to restore the situation further forward. It may also be called upon to relieve the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. tonight 6th/7th April, in the Left Brigade Sector of the Division. The Brigade will be held in readiness to move at 15 minutes notice.

4. With these objects in view the following reconnaissance will be carried out at once:-

LAVIEVILLE line as given in para. 3 and attached map (6th A.I. Bde only) with a view to its occupation by 2 battalions and a M.G. Coy. Guides for the reconnoitring officers will be provided by the 13th A.I. Bde. and will meet them at 13th A.I. Bde H.Q. at deep dugout at D.7.B.2.2.

5. It is to be remembered that the role of the Division is to deny to the enemy the high ground astride the ALBERT - AMIENS road, between LAVIEVILLE and ALBERT, which is of vital importance to our defence.

6. Telephonic communication with 4th Aust. Div. H.Q. at BEAUCOURT already exists from the Divisional Advanced Signal Station in the cellars of BAIZIEUX Chateau. 6th A.I. Bde H.Q. will be established as close to this Signal Station as possible at the G.O.C., Bde's discretion. This H.Q. to be notified of location selected.

7. The G.O.C., 6th A.I. Bde. will get into touch with the G.O.C., 12th A.I. Bde. as soon as possible, with a view to a relief in the line tonight 6th/7th, if circumstances permit.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 11 a.m. 6th April, 1918.

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

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- 26. 7th Corps.
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- 28)
- 29. 12th Division.
- 30. 3rd Aust. Division.
- 31. 35th Division.
- 32. 150th Bde. R.F.A.

The role of the 8th Aust. Inf. Bde. may be either to occupy the position of the 106th Infantry Brigade or to counter-attack to restore the position of the 106th Infantry Brigade. It may also be called upon to relieve the 106th Infantry Brigade in the event of its being relieved. The 106th Infantry Brigade will be held in readiness to move at a moment's notice.

The 7th Corps will be held in readiness to move at a moment's notice. It may be called upon to relieve the 106th Infantry Brigade in the event of its being relieved. The 7th Corps will be held in readiness to move at a moment's notice.

The 12th Division will be held in readiness to move at a moment's notice. It may be called upon to relieve the 106th Infantry Brigade in the event of its being relieved. The 12th Division will be held in readiness to move at a moment's notice.

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The 150th Bde. R.F.A. will be held in readiness to move at a moment's notice. It may be called upon to relieve the 106th Infantry Brigade in the event of its being relieved. The 150th Bde. R.F.A. will be held in readiness to move at a moment's notice.

Approved at 11 a.m. 6th April 1918.
 Lt. Col. J. H. ...
 Major ...

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 100.

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Reference map 1/40,000 Sheet 68D.

Headquarters,
6th. APRIL, 1918.

1. The 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade and 8th. Aust. M.G. Coy. will relieve the 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, 4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion and 24th. Aust. M.G. Coy. in the line tonight 6/7th. April.
2. On completion of the relief the Disposition of the troops within the Divisional Area will be as follows :-

	U n i t.	R e m a r k s.
Right Brigade Sector.	13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and 13th. Aust. M.G. Coy. 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn.	Bde. H.Q. QUARRY at D.4.C.2.3. Under orders of 13th. A.I. Bde. 2 Coys. D.23.A. & C. 2 Coys. D.21.B.
Left Brigade Sector.	8th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and 8th. Aust. M.G. Coy.	Bde. H.Q. Deep dugouts at D.7.B.2.2.
Divisional Reserve. (12th. Aust. Inf. Bde.)	Bde. Headquarters 1 Battalion 2 Battalions 1 Battalion & T.H. Bty. 24th. Aust. M.G. Coy.	Cellars in BAIZIEUX CHATEAU. D.2. & 9. D.1., 7., 13., & 14. D.5. D.5.
	12th. Aust. M.G. Coy.	LAVIEVILLE LINE. defences.

3. Command will pass on conclusion of the relief, which will be notified to this Headquarters without delay. Details of relief will be arranged between Brigadiers direct.
- 4.(a) If the tactical situation permits the 4th. Aust. Pioneer Battalion will be employed on the construction of a new line of defence running in front of the LAVIEVILLE line defences immediately after the conclusion of the relief, two Coys. in each Bde. area.
(b) This line will run approximately from S.E. of MILLENCOURT, D.5.D. - D.11.B. - D.12.A. - D.12.C. - D.11.D. - D.17.B. and D. - D.23.B., connecting up with the defences already constructed by the 13th. A.I. Bde. North-West of BUIRE.
(c) This line will be sited and marked by the Brigades within their respective areas, arrangements being made for liaison between Brigades and with flank defences.
5. The C.R.E. will arrange for the accommodation of the 12th. Aust. Field Coy. on the completion of the relief and the details of the Engineer relief in the line.
13th. Aust. Field Coy. will remain attached to 13th. A.I. Bde.
6. The 6th. Aust. Field Ambulance accompanies the 8th. Aust. Infantry Brigade and moves to BEAUCOURT today.
The A.D.M.S. will arrange necessary reliefs.

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7. The 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will probably be relieved in the line by the 7th. Aust. Infantry Brigade tomorrow night 7/8th. April.

The 7th. Aust. Infantry Brigade relieves the 12th. Aust. Infantry Brigade in and in the vicinity of the RIBEMONT-BAIZIEUX line by noon tomorrow 7th. April. Detailed orders for this relief and for the relief of the 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade in the line will be issued later.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at

5 pm

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

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 109.

Headquarters,
 6th April, 1918.

Ref. Map AMIENS 1/40,000 Sheet 62D.
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1. The 2nd Australian Division will relieve the 4th Australian Division in the left Div. Sector from D.30.CENTRAL to E.2.CENTRAL in accordance with table overleaf.
2. The Artillery covering the front of 4th Aust. Division will be handed over to G.O.C., 2nd Aust. Division. The C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division will continue to officiate.
3. Reliefs of Brigades will be carried out under mutual arrangements between Brigadiers concerned.
4. The Engineer and Medical units will be relieved under arrangements made by the C.R.E. and A.D.M.S. respectively.
5. G.O., 4th Aust. Machine Gun Battalion will arrange with incoming Brigades for relief of Machine Gun Companies. Nos. 1 of Gun teams will remain overnight with units of 2nd Aust. Division.
6. D.H.Q., 4th Aust. Division will close at BEAUCOURT at 11 a.m. on April, 8th and reopen at ALLOUVILLE at same hour.
7. Administrative details will be issued by "Q" of Division.
8. Completion of reliefs to be reported to this office.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 10.45 pm

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29. 3rd Aust. Division.
30. 12th Division.

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MOVN AND RELIEF TABLE - 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Serial No.	Date	Unit.	From	To.	Relieving	Destination 4th Div. Unit after relief.	Route	Remarks,
1.	Apl. 6th	6th A.I. Bde	BAIZIEUX- RIBEMONT line	Line, left Bde. Sector.	12th A.I. Bde	BAIZIEUX- RIBEMONT line	-	6th A.I. Bde will also relieve 4th Pioneer Bn. in trenches N. of LAVIEVILLE.
2.	Apl. 7th	7th A.I. Bde.	-	BAIZIEUX- RIBEMONT line.	12th A.I. Bde.	PONT NOYELLES- LA HOUSOYE - BUSSY-le-DOURS	FRAIVILLERS - LA HOUSOYE.	7th A.I. Bde. to be in position by 12 noon.
3.	Apl. 7th	7th A.I. Bde.	BAIZIEUX- RIBEMONT line	Line, Right Bde. Sector.	13th A.I. Bde.	BAIZIEUX- RIBEMONT line	-	-
4.	Apl. 7th	4th Pioneer Bn.	HENECOURT wood.	LA HOUSOYE	-	LA HOUSOYE	-	Move when reliev- ed by 2nd Pioneer Bn., after 1 p.m.
5.	Apl. 8th	13th A.I. Bde.	BAIZIEUX- RIBEMONT line	DAOURS- LE NEUVILLE BOINAY.	-	DAOURS - LE NEUVILLE- BOINAY	FRAIVILLERS BOINAY.	-
6.	Apl. 8th	D.H.Q.	BEAUCOURT	ALLOUVILLE	2nd Aust. Div.	ALLOUVILLE	Direct.	-

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION = INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 246.

From 6 a.m. 6th April, to 6 a.m. 7th April, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the Front Line.

1. OUR OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Brisk during period. At 7.10 p.m. our S.O.S. was opened on green flares being sent up. The S.O.S. was well placed and ceased about 7.40 p.m. Heavies were active on enemy's communications especially at dusk.

(b) Aircraft. Our planes carried out usual reconnaissances and patrols.

(c) Patrols. Liaison and protective patrolling was carried out. Patrols report hearing enemy breaking branches from trees in E.25.B. south of the river otherwise no enemy activity was seen or heard.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS. Prisoner 3rd M.G. Coy., 229th R.I.R., 50th Div. Normal. Prisoner 1st Bn., 85 Reg., 12th Div. Normal. Both on Right Brigade Sector between BUIRE and DERNANGOURT.

4. ENEMY ARTILLERY. Quiet during day. When our S.O.S. opened enemy retaliated by heavily shelling valley running along D.18.B & C. D.4.C road in E.8.A.

5. (a) Enemy has dug in on a line from about E.20.A.5.0 to E.13.D.8.1 to Quarry E.14.C.2.7.

7. ENEMY AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes not very active. At noon 3 E.A. flew low over our lines, were driven off by A.A.G. fire.

8. MOVEMENT. During the afternoon small enemy parties were observed in K.2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. At 1 p.m. troops were seen in E.11.CENTRAL. 2.40 p.m. men with horses taking guns moved along road in W.24.B. in direction of POZIERES. 4.40 p.m. party of about 100 came from ALBERT towards MILLENGOURT and were engaged in W.27.C.6.4 by 18 pdrs and M.G's. (This party had overcoats and steel helmets of British pattern.

9. MISCELLANEOUS. A Cpl. of 18 Manchesters came into our lines at about 5 a.m. He was taken prisoner by enemy at METZ on 23rd March. He believed relief took place early this morning as he observed parties of the enemy moving back. He also states enemy hard at work digging opposite this Brigade.

Althaus will Capt
for
Lieut-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Report on the preliminary interrogation of prisoner of
1st Coy., 55th I.R., 13th Div. captured in K.19.B. at
11 a.m. 7/4/18.

Method of Capture. He was told to go to field kitchen for rations but lost his way and after wandering about most of the night finally strayed into our lines.

Order of Battle. Prisoner's statements were confused and are not reliable. He says 15th, 99th and 31st I.R's are somewhere on the left of 55th but does not know in what order. He also stated that his regiment reinforced the 15th I.R.

Relief. The Division is expected to be relieved almost any day; the Artillery was relieved on 3rd or 4th. The infantry was also to have been relieved on 4th.

Attacks. Nothing is known of further attacks. The regt. did not take part in the attacks on the 5th.

Casualties. Present strength of 1st Coy. is about 56. On 20th prior to their attacks the Coy was 150 strong. The 2nd Coy. is said to be only 24 strong.

Dispositions. The 55th I.R. has the 1st and 2nd Bns. in line with 3rd in reserve. Whether Regimental or Divisional reserve is not known.

Commanders. 55th I.R. Lt. Col. von FARRICK (sick).
1st Coy. Lt. ELTESTER (wounded).

Machine Guns. The Coy has lost all its light machine guns. The Machine Gun Coy with the 1st Bn. has 8 or 10 M.G's but prisoner did not know how distributed.

Rations. are not too good. They receive plenty of bread but nothing to put on it. (Jam, Butter etc.). One hot meal a day is provided. During the advance from 20th to 28th March no rations were supplied and the troops had to live on what they could pick up.

Miscellaneous. The 15th I.R. took part in the attack on the 5th and suffered extremely heavy losses. Prisoner had heard that one day Coy. which was ordered to attack refused to go forward.

Field kitchens used to come up to MORLANCOURT during the night and now they come up outside the village. (By the description given it would probably be about K.3.G.5.B).

REPORT ON THE PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF 6
PRISONERS OF 230th R.I.R., 50th RES. DIV.
CAPTURED YESTERDAY.

DETAILS.

One Sgt. Major of 6th Coy. (attached to the 8th Coy. for the day)
Lance-Corporal of 8th Coy.
3 Privates of 8th Coy.
1 Private of 9th Coy.

All prisoners were captured in our counter attack.

OBJECT OF ATTACK.

The orders were that the 230th R.I.R., in conjunction with the 231st R.I.R. (on their Right), were to capture the Railway Embankment and the Ridge West of the Embankment. The 229th R.I.R. was to remain stationary.

When the ridge was captured two other Divisions were to come up from direction of ALBERT, go through the 50th Res. Div. and push on as far as possible in direction of AMIENS. The 230th R.I.R. was to go as far as the QUARRY and then dig in.

It is not known which two divisions were to go through the 50th Res. Div. The final objective is not known.

ORDER OF BATTLE N. to S.

231 R.I.R.,

230th R.I.R.,

229th R.I.R.

Neither of the prisoners knew which divisions were on either side; one stated he thought the 79 Res. Div. was on right.

None of them knew whether the 3rd Naval Div. was still in its Sector.

RELIEF.

The whole 50th Res. Div. was to be relieved today (6th) by a fresh division. One prisoner stated that one of the Regiments in the relieving Division is the 268th.

CONTINUATION OF ATTACK.

The troops are very "fed up" and prisoners think the 230th will not make another attack, but that there is every likelihood of the fresh Division continuing the attack to-morrow as the possession of the Ridge is considered of great importance.

STRENGTH.

5th Coy. prior to attack	72
8th Coy. " " "	75 to 80
9th Coy. " " "	53

By 4.p.m. the strength of 9th Coy. had been reduced to 37.

CASUALTIES. Have been very heavy during the attack, principally caused by H.G. fire. Others stated shell fire caused greater casualties. The 229th R.I.R. was said to have suffered exceedingly heavily. Heavy casualties were suffered while forming up in BERNANCOURT. Since 21st March 50% casualties had been suffered by 230th R.I.R.

RESERVES.

Nothing is known of Divisions in reserve except that another Regt. took over billets from 230th Regt. in MEALETTE.

OTHER UNITS SEEN.

also men

Men were seen in MEAULTE on night 4/5 wearing Guard patches with 261 or 262 on shoulder straps.

Men with 268 on shoulder straps were also seen in MEAULTE on night 4/5 inst., these took over the billets from the 230th R.I.R.
NOTE: This may have been 263 R.I.R., 79th Res. Division.

COMMANDERS NAMES.

230th R.I.R.
2nd Bn.
6th Coy.

Major LITZMANN (Wounded).
Capt. KRUG.
Lieut. VOSZ.

RATIONS.

Good in the 8th and the 9th Coys. but poor in the 8th.

ARMS.

Bombs (Stick and Egg Grenades) are again carried by the troops. Each Company has 4 light M.G.'s and there is a M.G. Coy. with each Battalion, with 12 Heavy M.G.'s.

FLAMMENWERFER had been seen during the attack, by one prisoner, but he does not know whether they were employed in the attack.

MISCELLANEOUS.

It was not know what troops were opposite them and none of the prisoners knew that there were Australians in this Sector.

The cellars in DERWANCOURT are not very strong and are not made use of as billets, although the outpost garrisons use them as sleeping quarters.

Later:.

An N.C.O. each of 8th and 12th Coys. 229 R.I.R. and a private of 8th Coy. 230th R.I.R. taken last night, confirm practically the whole of information given by the previous batch.

Strength of 12th Coy. 229th R.I.R. was said to be 180 previous to the attack. The 8th Coy. was about 100 strong.

The 13th Div. was stated to be left of 50th R.D. (normal).

It was stated that a fresh Division had been brought up yesterday to either reinforce or relieve the 50th R.D.

The offensive is to continue uninterruptedly.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 110.

Headquarters,
7th April, 1918.

Ref. Map 1/40,000 Sheet 62D.

1. (a) 1 Troop of Light Horse and one Platoon of Cyclist Battalion are being detailed to this Division by O.C., Corps Mounted Troops from 8th Inst. (inclusive).

They will report to this H.Q. at ALLOUVILLE after 11 a.m. on the 8th inst. and will be accommodated in the vicinity of that village.

(b) These troops will be available for the specific duties of

- (a) Patrol and reconnaissance, including flank protection.
- (b) maintenance of communications.

2. The 18 Lewis Gun Teams organised from Tank Lewis Guns will remain as at present disposed in the LAVIEVILLE LINE under Right Brigade Commander until further orders.

3. Liaison with the tank company at HENENCOURT will be maintained, as heretofore, via forward Divisional Exchange at BAIZIEUX. These tanks are now under Corps orders.

4. The 278th M.G. Coy (Corps Coy.) with H.Q. at BAIZIEUX is allotted by Corps as follows :-

H.Q. and 3 Sections to 4th Aust. Division.
1 Section to 3rd Aust. Division.

The H.Q. and 3 Sections allotted to 4th Aust. Division will remain as at present forming a nucleus garrison for the RIBEMONT - BAIZIEUX line between the main ALBERT - ALIENS Road and BAIZIEUX, (both inclusive).

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 5 pm

J. H. Avarack
Lieut.-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution : Normal.

- 24. } Aust. Corps.
- 25. }
- 26. 278th M.G. Coy.
- 27. 2nd Aust. Division.
- 28. 3rd Aust. Division.
- 29. 12th Division.
- 30. "C" Coy., 9th Tank Bn., HENENCOURT.
- 31. 6th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 32. 7th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Map Ref. 1/40,000	Remarks,
Reference Map, Sheets 62D & 57D.		
<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>		ALLONVILLE.
4th Div. Artillery H. Q.		BEAUCOURT CHATEAU
10th A.F. A. Bde H. Q.	D.4.C.2.4	
11th A.F. A. Bde H. Q.	D.5.B.1.4	
4th Aust. D. A. C.		AGHICOURT.
4th D. T. M. C.		BEAUCOURT.
4th Aust. Inf. Bde H. Q.	attached to 37th Division.	
4 Battalions.		
4th A. L. T. M. Bty.		
4th M. G. Coy.		
<u>12th Aust. Inf Bde H. Q.</u>		PONT NOYELLES.
45th Battalion		RUSSY
46th "		PONT NOYELLES
47th "		RUSSY <i>La Houssoye</i>
48th "		RUSSY
12th A. L. T. M. Bty.		PONT NOYELLES
12th Aust. M. G. Coy.		" "
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.</u>		BOMMAY.
49th Battalion		CORBIO
50th "	I.34.D.7.3	Near CORBIO.
51st "		VAUX sur Somme.
52nd "		LA NEUVILLE.
13th A. L. T. M. Bty.		VAUX sur Somme
13th Aust. M. G. Coy.		BOMMAY.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H. Q.</u>		ALLONVILLE.
4th Aust. Field Coy.		<i>Baizieux</i>
12th " " "		LA HOUSSOYE
13th " " "		ALLONVILLE.
4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.		<i>Allonville</i>
4th Aust. M. G. Bn.		ALLONVILLE.
94th Aust. M. G. Coy.		PONT NOYELLES.
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.		LA HOUSSOYE.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train. H. Q.</u>		ALLONVILLE.
7th Coy., A. A. S. C.		COGNEUX.
14th Coy., A. A. S. C.		AGHICOURT.
26th Coy., A. A. S. C.		PONT NOYELLES.
27th Coy., A. A. S. C.		QUERRIEU.
S. S. O.		
Railhead.		VIGNACOURT.
4th Div. M. T. Coy.		FOULAINVILLE.
<u>A. D. L. S.</u>		ALLONVILLE.
4th Field Amb.		ALLONVILLE.
12th " "		PONT NOYELLES.
13th " "		ALLONVILLE.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Amendment to Distribution of Units, dated 10th April, 1918.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 Troop 13th Light Horse Regt. 1 Platoon Aust. Cyclist Bn.	ALLOUVILLE.
12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. 45th Battalion.	RAINNEVILLE. CARDONNETTE.
46th "	POULAINVILLE.
47th "	CARDONNETTE.
48th "	COISY.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.	RAINNEVILLE.
13th Aust. Field Amb.	PETIT CAMON.
12th " " "	CARDONNETTE.
4th Mob. Vet. Sect.	BEAUCOURT.
26th Coy., A.A.S.C.	COISY.
Other units no alteration.	
Any amendments or alterations to be forwarded to Div. H.Q. by 12 noon daily.	

Alexander Captain
for Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 8 a.m. 11th April, 1918.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Instructions for the Defensive, No. 1.

The following points are to be brought to notice of all subordinate commanders and impressed on all ranks. They have come prominently to notice during the late open fighting, and are the experiences of the units engaged in the withdrawal and also to some extent those of our own units in the operations in which we have lately been engaged.

1. Reconnaissance and observation by reliable officers and N.C.O's. in close touch with B.C. and Brigade H.Q. and able to keep them continually and accurately informed of the progress of the fight, dispositions of our own units, enemy movement, etc., etc. This emphasises the necessity for good communications and various methods of conveying information.
2. All ranks must be made to understand that even with the best information the same reliance cannot be placed on artillery as in trench (or stationary) warfare - Infantry must rely to a great extent on themselves and on H.G. fire for all targets within about 600 yards.
3. As a consequence infantry must make full use of covering fire and units must assist one another in every way possible. The better the fire control, direction and discipline the more able will each unit be to assist another and, incidentally, the greater success will attend the efforts of the whole. It is vital that ammunition should not be wasted & that the targets selected should be those which are tactically the most dangerous.
4. Movements should be by bounds from one position to another and every effort is to be made to make it clear as to where the next halt or stand is to be made, in a retirement such positions should in all cases be garrisoned beforehand by some nucleus troops and M. Guns.
5. Machine guns must be arranged in depth and if possible cover all ground and mutually support each other and the infantry positions. Lewis guns and machine guns must be boldly handled and seek opportunities for enfilade and occasionally even, reverse fire against hostile enterprising infantry.
6. All bodies of troops or machine guns must make provisions -
 - (i) For keeping in touch with nearest troops on right, left, front and rear.
 - (ii) For protecting themselves against surprise under all possible conditions.
7. A threat against ones flank by no means necessarily entails withdrawal; remember that you by your presence are a menace to the enemy, and if you are on the defensive, you have the advantage of a selected position. Reinforce your flanks and break in his. It is better to deal with a local penetration of the line by means of small local counter-attacks on the flanks than by endeavouring to fill the gap.
8. The need and value of reinforcing where success can be, or is, obtained and not necessarily where difficulty is encountered.
9. It is necessary to warn all ranks to be most careful about obeying signals or orders to retire before making certain they are bona fide. The enemy has been known to make frequent use of these, often with disastrous consequences to our troops.

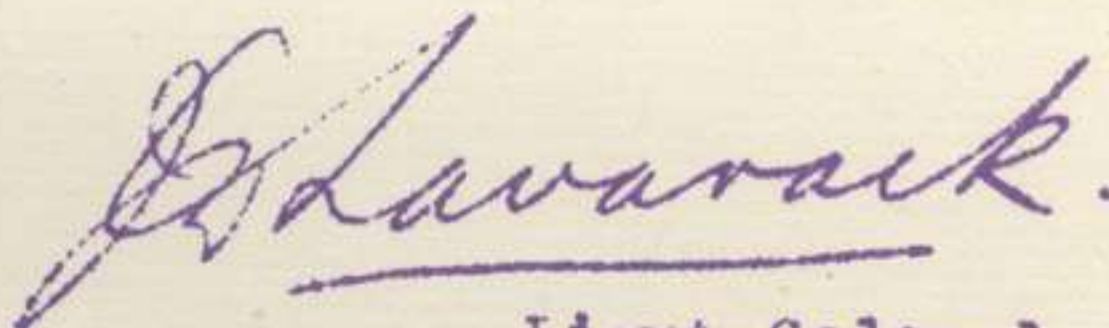
Officers and N.C.O's must remember that in a withdrawal a cool calm order will probably save the situation and a number of valuable lives, whereas signs of perturbation may have the opposite effect.

P.T.C.

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SECRET.4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL WARNING ORDER "A".Headquarters,
11th April, 1918.

1. While the present situation continues it is highly probable that the Division, or any part of it, may be called upon to move at the shortest possible notice, by rail, road, or bus.
2. All formations and units must keep themselves in constant readiness to march, except in so far as they are prevented from doing so by work allotted by higher authority, such as necessarily takes the personnel to a distance from their billets.
3. Orders must be issued with a view to the prevention of wandering and to keeping the men within certain areas to expedite assembly when required, and the strict observance of these orders must be insisted on.


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

Distribution :-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 12th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
 C. R. B.
 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.
 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.
 O.C. Detachment 13th A.L.H.
 O.C. Detachment Aust. Cyclist Bn.
 4th Aust. Div. Train.
 A. D. S.
 A. P. M.
 O.C. Reinforcement Camp.

Copies to -

C.R.A.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 D.A.D.V.S.

Instructions for the Defensive No. 2.

1. In the notes on German Offensive tactics, recently issued by the General Staff, emphasis is laid on the necessity for the close supervision of the battle, in open warfare, by Divisional and Brigade Staffs, and it is laid down that these should be well forward, in order to enable information to be obtained rapidly, by mounted Staff Officers and other means.
2. The Divisional Commander, whilst subscribing generally to the principle thus laid down, wishes to impress on Brigade Commanders the fact that its application necessarily admits of considerable variety.
3. The main point to remember is that the Headquarters of formations engaged in an advance or a withdrawal must always work on the "bound" principle, establishing a forward or rear Headquarters, as the case may be, in sufficient time to enable communications to be re-opened from the new position before they cease to function from the previous one.
4. In practice it will probably be found best to work with a forward and rear Headquarters, and a report and observation centre still further forward. The latter should always be in a locality from the vicinity of which the best observation of the battle area is possible, and should be under a selected officer, e.g., the Brigade Intelligence Officer.
5. Thus, in an advance, the forward Headquarters would be established from the previous Headquarters as the troops advance and the report and observation centre from the forward H.Q. at a still later stage. As the advance continues each echelon would move forward one bound, as soon as communication is sufficiently stable to enable control to be maintained. Similarly in a withdrawal the Report and Observation centre would be left in a suitable position, and the rear echelon sent back to a previously selected locality, establishing communication as quickly as possible.
6. It is probable that when working on a two Brigade front it will be found of great advantage as regards liaison, and economical as regards signals communications, for the two Brigades to establish joint forward and rear Headquarters, with separate report and observation centres. By mutual consent the Brigadier of one Brigade with the Brigade Major of the other, would successively move to the new position. This would tend to obviate any break in control.
7. Communication between forward Headquarters and the report and observation centres will generally be maintained by visual, by runners, and by mounted Staff Officers. A certain proportion of light horse and cyclist orderlies may also be placed at the disposal of Brigade Signal Sections, if the situation permits.
8. The Artillery liaison with Brigades must be worked on the same principle. Entire reliance must not be placed on the Liaison Officer actually attached to Brigade Headquarters. A temporary break-down in signals communication between Artillery and Infantry can be bridged by sending mounted officers to Brigade and Battalion Headquarters for information. This should present no great difficulty, as the batteries whether stationary or mobile, will generally be in the vicinity of Brigade H.Q. or just behind Battalion H.Q. Naturally in the case of Field Artillery the F.O.O. takes the place of the Infantry Report and Observation Centre, but all F.O.O.'s must be instructed as to the value to the Infantry and Higher Command of reports, both positive and negative, on their estimate of the situation and their observations.

(sd) J.D. LAVERACK,

Headquarters,
11/4/18.

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

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Amendment to Distribution of Units - dated 10th April, 1918.

Unit.	Remarks.
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H. Q.</u>	EBHARDT CHATEAU,
45th Battalion.	FRESCHENCOURT,
46th "	MOLLIEN AU-BOIS.
47th "	FRESCHENCOURT,
48th "	BLANCOURT,
12th A. L. T. M. Bty.	FRESCHENCOURT.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H. Q.</u>	CAMON.
24th Aust. M. G. Coy.	BONNAY.
12th Aust. Field Amb.	BIEHENCOURT.
26th Coy., A. A. S. C.	MOLLIENS-AU-BOIS.
Reinforcement Div. Wing.	<i>BERTEAUCOURT</i> VIGNACOURT.
Reinforcement Camp.	ALLONVILLE.
Other Units no alteration.	
Any amendments or alterations to be forwarded to Div. H. Q. by 12 noon daily.	

Alhewall *Captain*
Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 8 a.m. 13th April, 1918.



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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 111.

Headquarters,
 13th April, 1918.

Ref. map 1/40,000 Sheet 62D.

1. (a) The role allotted to the 4th Australian Division, as close Support Division of the Corps, is threefold.

- (i) To act offensively in aid of the Forward Division.
- (ii) To be prepared on short notice to man any portion of the 2nd Zone Defences, i.e. the RIBEMONT - LAIZIEUX line back to the River HALLUE (exclusive).
- (iii) To check the enemy on the line of the HALLUE.

(b) This order deals with the 3rd role, which involves the defence, in case of necessity, of the QUERRIEUX line from BUSSY-LES-DAOURS (inclusive) to _____ and the Bridge-head defences of PONT NOYELLES in H.12. and H.13. the Northern Corps Boundary.

(c) Included in this line is a system of dug trenches extending, (with certain gaps,) along the Right (West) bank of the HALLUE from BUSSY-LES-DAOURS, (inclusive) to about B.29.D.8.8, and the Bridge-head defences of PONT NOYELLES in H.12. and B.18.

(d) The crossings over the SOMME and the HALLUE at VECQUEMONT and DAOURS are to be dealt with under Corps arrangements.

2. The troops at the disposal of the Divisional Commander for the above role are as follows :-

- 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 2 Bns.)
- 4th Aust. G. Bn. (less 2 Coys.)
- Divisional Engineers.
- 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 1 troop 13th A.L.H.
- 1 platoon Aust. Corps Cyclist Bn.)

3. In view of the fact that this force is insufficient for the purpose of occupying the whole line, the troops will be disposed as nucleus garrisons grouped at tactical points along the prepared defences with outposts on the Right (West) bank directly covering the crossings.

4. The line will be divided for tactical purposes into two Sectors by the grid line running E. & W. through H.5. Central. The Right or Southern Sector will be held by a composite force of Pioneers and Engineers and the Left or Northern Sector by a Brigade Group. The composition of these is as under :-

Composite force.	Designation of Sector for which responsible.
Commander, Lt. Col. H. PAUL. 1 A.G. Coy. 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn. 4th Aust. Div. Engineers.	Right or PONT NOYELLES Sector.

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J E R A R D

12th A.D. Brigade Group.

Designation of Sector
for which responsible.

Commander. Brig.-Gen. J. GELLIBRAND,
C.B., D.S.O.

Left or
MONTIGNY Sector.

12th Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 2 Bns.)
1 L.G. Coy.

A.D.: For the purpose of this operation the Divisional Engineers
will work as a Battalion under the C.R.E.

6. The C.O., Composite Force will employ the Pioneer Bn. with a suitable proportion of L.G.'s as the nucleus garrison of the Sector in which the PONT NOYELLES bridge-head is included.
7. The C.O.C., 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. will arrange to extend the present prepared line from B.23.C. to the Northern Corps boundary with the labour available in the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group, in accordance with previous instructions.
8. The C.O., Composite Force will arrange to reconnoitre the PONT NOYELLES Sector as soon as possible with the C.O., Pioneer Bn. and the C.R.E., or their representatives.
9. Arrangements will be made for all Officers to reconnoitre in turn the portion of the line to be occupied by their respective Commands. Where possible, (i.e. where the Units are not engaged on work that necessitates their presence elsewhere) Units will be accommodated in the vicinity of the localities for the defence of which they are responsible.
10. Command posts will be selected and reconnoitred and arrangements made for communications.
11. The O.C. Div. Signals will consult with the C.O. Composite Force on the questions of the provision of Signal Communications within the Composite Force.
12. All dispositions, whether actually made or held in abeyance, will be notified to this Office as soon as decided, together with locations of headquarters and arrangements for communications etc.
13. The C.R.A. will reconnoitre suitable positions for the protection of the front allotted by four Brigades of Artillery.
14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Lavarack

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

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C.R.E.
Lt. Col. H. PAUL, Reinforcement
Camp.
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.
4th Aust. M.G. Bn.
A.D.M.S.
AUST. CORPS.
2nd Aust. Division.
3rd Aust. Division.

For information:

O.C. Detachment 13th A.I. Bde.
O.C. " Aust. Corps
Cyclist Bn.
13th A.I. Bde.
4th A.I. Bde.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Amendment to Distribution of Units - dated 10th April, 1918.

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
13th Aust. M.G. Coy.	BONT NOYELLES.
4th Aust. M.T. Col.	LA HAYETTE.
45th Battalion.	LA HOUSOYE.
46th " "	BAIZIEUX.
26th Coy., A.A.S.C.	QUERRIEU.
Other Units no alteration.	

Any amendments or alterations to be forwarded to Div. H.Q. by 12 noon daily.

L. Snary Capt

As at 8 a.m. 15th April, 1918.

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Reference 1/20.000 -Sheet	Location	Remarks.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	62D	ALLOUVILLE.	CHATEAU
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		CAMON	
15th A.F.A. Bde.		D.4.C.2.4	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		D.5.B.1.4.	
4th P.A.C.		AGNICOURT.	
4th P.T.M.C.		CAMON.	
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	57D	FONQUEVILLERS.	Attached 37th Division.
13th Battalion			
14th "			
15th "			
16th "			
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	62D.	C.1.C.3.2	EBART FARM.
45th Battalion		I.9.A.6.9	
46th "		C.12.A.5.0	
47th "		FRECHENCOURT	
48th "		BEAUCOURT	
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		FRECHENCOURT.	
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		I.14.A.1.2	
49th Battalion.		LA NEUVILLE.	
50th "		CORBIE	
51st "		VAUX SUR SOMME.	
52nd "		I.26.B.0.2.	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		VAUX SUR SOMME.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q.</u>		ALLOUVILLE.	
4th Aust. Field Coy.		C.6.A.1.4	
12th " " "		I.3.C.4.8	
13th " " "		ALLOUVILLE.	
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		ALLOUVILLE.	
<u>4th Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.</u>		ALLOUVILLE.	
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.		Attached 37th Division.	
12th " "		PONT NOYELLES.	
13th " "		PONT NOYELLES.	
24th " "		BONHAY.	
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.		LA HOUSCOYE.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.</u>		ALLOUVILLE.	
7th Coy., A.A.S.C.			
14th " "		AGNICOURT	
26th " "		QUERRIEU	
27th " "		QUERRIEU.	
S.S.O.		ALLOUVILLE.	
Railhead.		VIGNACOURT.	
4th Div. M.T. Coy.		LA HAYETTE.	

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4th Aust. Field Ambulance 62D.
12th " " "
13th " " "

ALLOUVILLE.
BEHENCOURT.
PETIT CAMON.

4th Aust. Sanitary Sect.

ALLOUVILLE.

4th Aust. Mobile Vet Sec.

BEAUCOURT.

4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement
Staging DEPOT.

ALLOUVILLE.

13th A. L. H. Regiment
(1 troop).

ALLOUVILLE.

Aust. Cyclist Bn.
(1 platoon).

ALLOUVILLE.

D. A. D. O. S.

ALLOUVILLE Office.

D. A. D. O. S.

VILLERS BOGAGE Store.

A. A. D. V. S.

ALLOUVILLE.

Div. Paymaster

"

Div. Claims Officer.

"

Div. Gas Officer.

"

Div. Baths Officer.

"

Div. Burial Officer.

LA HOUSOYE.
(c/o 4th Pioneer Bn.).

Any alterations or amendments to be forwarded to Div. H. Q. by 12 noon daily.

John Boyd
Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 8 a.m. 13th April, 1918.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Instructions for the Defensive No. 3.GAS PRECAUTIONS.

With reference to General Staff Circular No. 76 dated 9th April, 1918.

1. The Divisional Commander directs that every possible precaution against gas attack is to be taken.
2. Precautions taken are to include arrangements for the rapid passing of the gas warning, by priority message and other means, to all troops and the civil population in the vicinity where units are quartered.
3. A list will be maintained at all signals offices of the addressees to whom the gas message is to be automatically repeated.
4. Each Headquarters will keep a further list of formations, units, Area and Town Commandants, and civil authorities in the vicinity to whom warning must be sent by order immediately on receipt of the gas message or other intimation of an impending gas attack.
5. Gas alarms will be improvised by all units and sentries posted ready to sound the alarm or otherwise pass on the warning without delay. Troops etc. must be advised as to the nature of the alarm, in order that it may be readily recognised.
6. The wearing of box respirators must be strictly enforced.

Headquarters,
20th April, 1918.

Havarrack

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

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Pioneers.	(5)
A.D.M.S.	(5)
Div. Sig. Coy.	(1)
Div. Train .	(1)
D. S.	(2)
Camp Commandant	(1)
Div. Gas Officer.	(1)
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Instructions for the Defensive No. 4.

TANKS.

1. Instructions have been received regarding the employment of Heavy Tanks in the present situation. The principles to be observed are :-

Tanks should be deployed on rear slopes and if possible not nearer than 3,000 yards to the front line, with the object of breaking up an exploitation in force should the enemy succeed in penetration.

Tanks should be at intervals of some 200 yards, and be placed to cover the ground between localities rather than localities themselves. Especial attention is to be paid to valleys and low ground.

Orders to subordinate Tank Commanders should be issued that the duty of the Tanks is the breaking up of hostile penetration, that they will maintain their positions for 48 hours from the appearance of the first German troops, or until they receive written instructions that the defence behind them is re-established.

2. The following Heavy Tanks are available for the defence of the Corps Area :-

1st Tank battalion of 2 Companies, each of 4 Sections, A, B, C, & D.

3. (a) These are disposed and allotted tasks in accordance with the following table :-

Section	No. of Tanks	Location.	Task.
1 Coy. A.	3	Wood. C.11.A. & C.	To hold up any enemy advance on the BAIZIEUX - BEMENCOURT Ridge
B.	3	C.9.	
C.	2	Wood at	Not allotted.
D.	2	B.6. Central	
1 Coy. A.	4.	Quarry $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of MERRICOURT L'ABBE.	To hold up any enemy advance in the SAILLY LE SEC - TREUX line North of the CORBIE - BRAY road.
B.	3.	Wood in C.20.B. and D.	To hold up any enemy advance about C.27.B. & C & I.2.B.
C.	3.	do do	To hold up any enemy advance about I.9.D.
D.	3.	do do	To hold up any enemy advance about I.21. and I.27.

(b) The responsibility for the reconnaissance of areas and routes rests with the Tank Battalion Commander.

(c) Should the Division be called upon to occupy any part of the 2nd Zone Defences, i.e. from the BAIZIEUX line back to the HALLUE Brigades will be responsible for warning Tank Units within their Sectors of the near approach of the enemy, in order to enable them to move into position to carry out their allotted tasks.

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Co-operation between the tanks and the infantry will be arranged between the Infantry Commander on the spot and the officer in charge of the tanks.

4. The company commanders of the heavy tanks operating on the R. or L. of the corps area may be communicated with through the H.Q. of "B" and "C" Divisions at ST. GRATIEN and BEAUCOURT respectively.

5. In addition a battalion of Whippet tanks is distributed under 3rd Army orders to assist in preventing the enemy debouching from ALBERT against the high ground between BUZINCOURT and MILLENCOURT. These tanks are distributed about HEMENCOURT with H.Q. at the same place, and can be communicated with through left Bde. H.Q. of "C" Division.

J. Harvark

Headquarters,
20th April, 1918.

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

DISTRIBUTION.

- 4th A.I. Bde.
- 12th "
- 13th "
- C.R.A.
- C.R.E.
- 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Ref. Sheet 1/40,000	Location.	Remarks.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	62D	ALLONVILLE.	CHATEAU.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		CAMON.	
10th A.F.A. Bde.		D.4.C.2.4.	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		D.5.B.1.4.	
4th D. A. C.		AGNICOURT.	
4th D. T. m. O.		CAMON.	
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	57D	J.18.A.6.6.	FONQUEVILLERS.
13th Battalion.		J.3.C.	ROSIGNAL FM.
14th "		J.18.B.6.8.	Attached 37th Div.
15th "		J.18.B.8.3.	
16th "		K.8.B.9.0.	
4th A.L.T.M. Sty.		J.18.D.8.5.	
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	62D	C.1.C.3.2.	EBART FARM.
45th Battalion.		I.9.A.6.9.	
46th "		B.2.3. Central.	
47th "		FRECHENCOURT.	
48th "		BEAUCOURT.	
12th A.L.T.M. Sty.		FRECHENCOURT.	
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		I.14.A.1.2.	
49th Battalion.		LA NEUVILLE.	
50th "		I.34.D.6.3.	
51st "		CORBIE.	
52nd "		J.26.C.7.9.	
13th A.L.T.M. Sty.		J.26.D.05.20.	VAUX SUR SOMME.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q.</u>		ALLONVILLE.	
4th Assoc. Field Coy.		C.6.A.1.4.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.		I.3.C.4.8.	LA HOUSSEYE.
13th Aust. Field Coy.		ALLONVILLE.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.</u>		ALLONVILLE.	
<u>4th Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.</u>		G.11.D.7.2.	ALLONVILLE.
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.	57D	K.9.D.18.57.	Attd. 37th Division.
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.	62D	H.18.A.1.9.	PONT NOYELLES.
13th Aust. M.G. Coy.		H.17.B.7.8.	PONT NOYELLES.
24th Aust. M.G. Coy.		BONNAY.	
<u>4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.</u>		LA HOUSSEYE.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.</u>		ALLONVILLE.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		AGNICOURT.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		QUERRIEU.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		QUERRIEU.	
S. S. Q.		ALLONVILLE.	
RAILHEAD		VIGNACOURT.	

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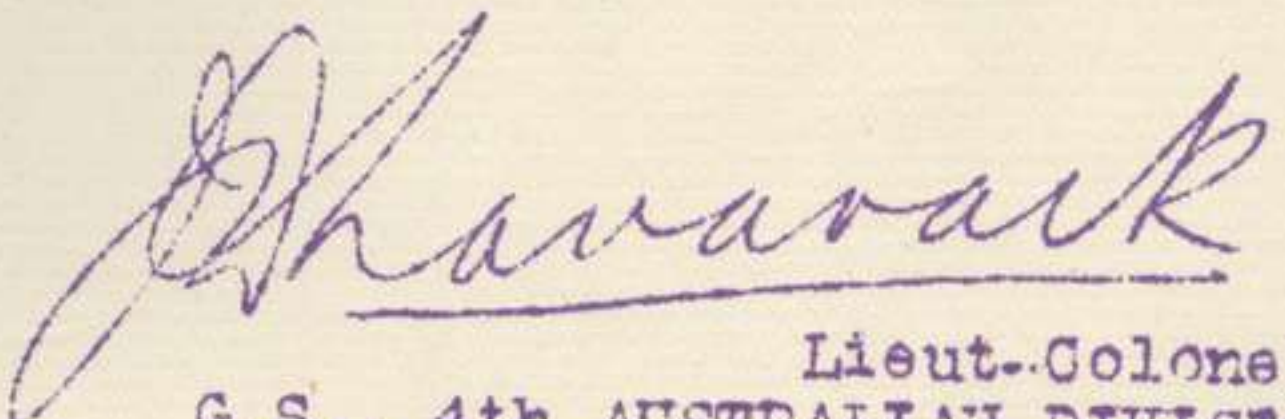
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

WARNING ORDER.

1. The 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 24th Aust. M.G. Coy. will probably be relieved in their present locations during the 22nd instant and night 22/23rd April.
2. On relief the Bde. will move three battalions to billets of QUERRIEU, PONT NOYELLES, and DAOURS respectively and will bivouac one battalion in a locality which it will select between QUERRIEU and BUSSY LES DAOURS. Trench shelters for this battalion are available and will be delivered where required.
3. The 24th Aust. M.G. Coy. will move on relief to billets in PONT NOYELLES.
4. After completion of the relief the G.C.O., 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. will arrange to take over from Lt. Col. H. PAUL, G.O., Composite Force, responsibility for the nucleus garrisoning of the QUERRIEU line from N.5.CENTRAL to H.5.CENTRAL (Ref. Div. Order No. 111). Responsibility will pass at 12 noon on the 23rd Instant, unless further orders are issued.
5. The G.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn. will detail a M.G. Company to be grouped under G.C.O., 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. to assist in the nucleus garrisoning of the above line (op. Para. 4 above).
6. Arrangements already made for emergency signals communications with C.O., Composite Force will be adapted by G.O., Signals to suit the new arrangement, i.e., the assumption of responsibility by the G.C.O., 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
7. From the time of the assumption of the responsibility for the defence of the QUERRIEU line passes to 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. the Composite Force will cease to exist as such, and officers and O.R. etc. detailed for special duty in connection with it will return to their units.

Headquarters,
21st April, 1918.


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

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2nd Aust. Division.
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5th " "
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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.
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		To					
		By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By		

TO All recipients of 4th Aust. Div. Warning Order - Dated 21/4/18.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* G. 69.	21		

Paras. 1 to 3 of 4th Aust. Div. Warning Order dated 21st will be put into force on 22nd inst. AAA Moves to commence after 9 a.m. AAA Paras. 4 to 7 are cancelled AAA Addressed all recipients of Warning Order.

From 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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Lieut. Colonel
4th Australian Division

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 112.

Headquarters,
23rd April, 1918.

Ref. map AMIENS 1/40,000 Sheet 62D.
& 1/100,000.

1. The 4th Aust. Division (less Artillery, 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. and 4th Aust. M.G. Coy.) will relieve the 3rd Aust. Division (less Artillery and an Inf. Bde. and a M.G. Coy.) in the line ("B" Divisional Area) on 25th, 26th, and 27th of April.

2. The relief in the line will be carried out by successive brigades, the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. relieving the 10th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the left during night 25/26th April, and the 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. the 11th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the night 26/27th April.

Details of the relief will be arranged direct between Brigadiers concerned except where provided for herein.

3. One M.G. Coy. will be grouped for tactical purposes with each Infantry Bde. in the line, reliefs taking place on the night following those of the respective Brigades. All details of the reliefs, except where provided for herein, will be arranged direct between M.G. Bn. Commanders.

4. Advanced parties will in all cases proceed to their respective localities on the night preceding that of the relief. This is to include Divisional and Brigade observers, as well as Infantry, M.G., L.T.M., Signals and Headquarter personnel.

5. The 9th Aust. Inf. Bde. with one M.G. Coy. of 3rd Aust. M.G. Bn. will come under the command of the G.O.C., 4th Aust. Division on completion of the relief and will remain in the LA HOUSOYE - FRANVILLERS area in Divisional Reserve.

6. (a) The following Artillery will, on completion of the relief pass under the orders of the G.O.C., 4th Aust. Division :-

3rd Aust. Div. Artillery.	
3rd Army Bde., A.F.A.	
6th " " "	
109th " " R.F.A.	
108th " " "	

The C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division will relieve the C.R.A., 3rd Aust. Division in command of the above Artillery at 10 a.m. on the 27th inst.

(b) The following H.A. Bde., now affiliated with the 3rd Aust. Division, will, on completion of relief, become affiliated with the 4th Aust. Div. :-

27th Bde., R.G.A.

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- 7. Details of Engineer and Medical reliefs will be arranged direct between respective C.R.E's., and A.D's.M.S.
- 8. Separate administrative instructions will be issued.
- 9. Command of Sde. Section in the line will pass on completion of relief, which will be notified to this office.
- 10. Command in the Divisional Sector will pass from G.O.C., 3rd Aust. Division to G.O.C., 4th Aust. Division at 10 a.m. on the 27th inst., at which time H.Q., 4th Aust. Division will close at ALLOUVILLE and open at St. GRATIEN.
- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 9 pm

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

Distribution. Normal.

- 24. } Australian Corps.
- 25. }
- 26. } 3rd Aust. Division.
- 27. }
- 28. } 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery.
- 29. } 2nd Aust. Division.
- 30. } 5th Aust. Division.
- 31. } Corps Reinforcement Camp.
- 32. } *9th Aust Inf Bde*

(a) The following artillery will, on completion of the relief pass under the orders of the G.O.C., 4th Aust. Division:

- 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery.
- 2nd Army Bde. Artillery.
- 1st Army Bde. Artillery.
- 1st Army Bde. Artillery.

The G.S., 4th Aust. Division will relieve the G.S., 3rd Aust. Division in command at the above artillery at 10 a.m. on the 27th inst.

(b) The following H.A. Bde., now affiliated to the 3rd Aust. Division will, on completion of relief, remain affiliated to the 4th Aust. Div.:

G.S. Bde., 4th Aust. Div.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Ref Sheet 1/40,000	Location.	Remarks.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	62D	ALLOUVILLE.	CHATEAU.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		CAMON.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade.		D.4.C.2.4.	
11th A.F.A. "		D.5.B.1.4.	
4th D. A. C.		AGNICOURT.	
4th D.T.M.O.		CAMON.	
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			
13th Battalion.		ON THE MOVE.	
14th "		TO	
15th "		ALLOUVILLE &	
16th "		CARDONETTE AREA.	
4th A.L.T.M. Sty.			
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	62D	C.1.C.3.2.	EBART FARM.
45th Battalion.		I.9.A.6.9.	QUERRIEU.
46th "			FRECHENCOURT.
47th "			FRECHENCOURT.
48th "		BEAUCOURT	
12th A.L.T.M. Sty.			FRECHENCOURT.
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		QUIRRIEU CHATEAU	PONT NOYELLES.
40th Battalion.		H.29.A.6.1.	
50th "		DAOURS.	
51st "		QUIRRIEU.	
52nd "		PONT NOYELLES.	
13th A.L.T.M. Sty.		QUIRRIEU.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q.</u>		ALLOUVILLE.	
4th Aust. Field Coy.		C.6.A.1.4.	
12th " " "		I.3.C.4.8.	LA HOUSOYE.
13th " " "		ALLOUVILLE.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.</u>		ALLOUVILLE.	
<u>4th Aust. M.G. Battn. H.Q.</u>		G.11.D.7.2.	ALLOUVILLE.
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.			On the Move.
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.	52D	H.18.A.1.9.	PONT NOYELLES.
13th Aust. M.G. Coy.		H.17.B.7.8.	PONT NOYELLES.
24th Aust. M.G. Coy.			PONT NOYELLES.
<u>4th Aust. Pioneer Battn.</u>		LA HOUSOYE.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.</u>		ALLOUVILLE.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.			<u>On the Move.</u>
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		AGNICOURT.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		QUIRRIEU.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		QUIRRIEU.	
S. S. O.		ALLOUVILLE.	
RAILHEAD		POULAINVILLE.	

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4th Aust. Div. M.T. Coy.	62D	LA HAYETTE.
A. D. M. S.		ALLONVILLE.
4th Aust. Field Ambulance.		ALLONVILLE.
12th " " "		BEHEMCOURT.
13th " " "		PETIT CAMON.
4th Aust. Sanitary Section.		RAINEVILLE.
4th Aust. Mobile Veterinary Sec.		BEAUCOURT.
4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Staging DEPOT.		ALLONVILLE.
13th A.L.H. Regt. (1 troop).		ALLONVILLE.
Aust. Cyclist Bn. (1 platoon).		ALLONVILLE.
D.A.D.O.S.		PONT NOYELLES.
D.A.D.V.S.		ALLONVILLE.
A. P. E.		"
Div. Paymaster.		"
Div. Claims Officer.		"
Div. Gas Officer.		"
Div. Baths Officer.		"
Div. Burial Officer.		LA HOUSOYE. (c/o 4th Pioneer Bn.)

Any alterations or amendments to be forwarded to Divisional Headquarters by 12 Noon daily.

P. Stewart Lt.
for Major - General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION...

As at 8 a.m., 24th April, 1918.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Ref. Sheet 1/40,000	Location.	Remarks.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	62D	ALLONVILLE.	CHATEAU.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		CAMON.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		D.4.C.2.4.	
12th A.F.A. "		D.5.B.1.4.	
4th D. A. C.		AGNICOURT.	
4th D.T.M.O.		CAMON.	
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			CARDONETTE.
13th Battalion.			BOIS DE MAI.
14th "			BOIS DE MAI.
15th "			ALLONVILLE
16th "			CARDONETTE
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.			ALLONVILLE.
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			QUERRIEU CHATEAU.
45th Battalion.			QUERRIEU.
46th "		H.29.A.6.1.	
47th "			DAOURS.
48th "			PONT NOYELLES.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.			QUERRIEU CHATEAU.
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			} Detached with 8th Division.
49th Battalion.			
50th "			
51st "			
52nd "			
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q.</u>		ALLONVILLE.	
4th Aust. Field Coy.		C.6.A.1.4.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.		I.3.C.4.8.	LA HOUSOYE.
13th Aust. Field Coy.		ALLONVILLE.	
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		ALLONVILLE.	
<u>4th Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.</u>		G.11.D.7.2.	ALLONVILLE.
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.			ALLONVILLE.
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.		H.18.A.1.9.	PONT NOYELLES.
13th Aust. M.G. Coy.			Detached with 8th Division.
24th Aust. M.G. Coy.		PONT NOYELLES	{ Less 1 Section { detached with 5th { Aust. Division.)
<u>4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.</u>		LA HOUSOYE.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.</u>		ALLONVILLE.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		ALLONVILLE.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		AGNICOURT.	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		QUERRIEU.	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		PETIT CAMON.	
S. S. C.		ALLONVILLE.	

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<u>RAILHEAD.</u>	620	POULAINVILLE.
4th Aust. Div. M.T. Coy.		LA HAYETTE.
<u>A. D. M. S.</u>		ALLONVILLE.
4th Aust. Field Amb.		ALLONVILLE.
12th Aust. Field Amb.		QUIRRIEU
13th Aust. Field Amb.		PETIT CAMON.
4th Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.		QUIRRIEU.
4th Aust. Sanitary Section.		^N RAINEVILLE.
4th Aust. Mobile Vet. Sec.		BEAUCOURT.
4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Staging DEPOT.		ALLONVILLE.
13th A.L.H. Regt. (1 troop).		ALLONVILLE.
Aust. Cyclist Bn. (1 platoon).		ALLONVILLE.
D.A.D.O.S.		PONT NOYELLES.
D.A.D.V.S.		ALLONVILLE.
A. P. M.		"
Div. Paymaster		"
Div. Claims Officer.		"
Div. Baths Officer.		"
Div. Burial Officer.		LA HOUSOYE. (c/o 4th Pioneer Bn)

Any alterations or amendments to be forwarded
to Divisional Headquarters by 12 noon daily.

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V. R. Stewart, Lt.
for Major - General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

As at 8.4.m., 25th April, 1918.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 113.

Headquarters,
28th April, 1918.

Ref. 625, 1/48,000.

1. (a). The Aust. Corps front is to be extended southwards, from 12 noon, 27th April, by increasing the front held by the 5th Aust. Division to include that lately held by the 8th Division as far south as the line U.6.A.O.O along the grid line running East and West to T.1. Central.

(b) This line is now the boundary between the 4th Army and the 1st French Army (31st French Corps). The Moroccan Division is on the left of the 31st French Corps.

(c). The extra front to be taken over by the 5th Aust. Division is now held by the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde on the right and the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the left.

(d). The 8th Division (less Artillery) is to be transferred to the Australian Corps and will be withdrawn to a back area, in Corps Reserve, under orders to be issued later.

2. The 4th Aust. Division will take over the front now held by the 13th and 15th Aust. Inf. Bdes. from 10 a.m. on the 28th April. The boundaries of the Divisional area will be :-

SOUTH - Southern Corps boundary.

NORTH - (Grid line running westwards through P.19. Central as far West as N.22.A.O.O - thence along the road to N.22.C.4.4 - thence along the railway to N.20. Central. The boundary further West will be defined later.

The 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. will pass under the orders of the 4th Aust. Division until relieved on the night 28/29th under orders to be issued later.

3. Prior to the Divisional relief the 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. with 12th Aust. M.G. Coy. will relieve the 13th Aust. Inf. Bde and 15th Aust. M.G. Coy. in the line South of the main VILLERS BRETONNEUX - WARFUSEE ABANCOURT road (exclusive) during night 27/28th April. On completion of the relief the boundary between the 12th and 15th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will be the main WARFUSEE ABANCOURT - LONGUEAU road (inclusive to the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.).

The Brigade will be disposed on a two Battalion front. Forward battalions will be disposed with a depth of approximately 1,000 yards. The remaining two battalions will be disposed as Brigade support or Reserve Battalions in the GACHY switch line between U.3. Central and the main road (exclusive) and in the AUBIGNY (Corps) defences between U.1. Central and the main road, if further accommodation is required.

4. On relief the 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. will dispose one battalion and eight Machine Guns as a nucleus garrison of the AUBIGNY (Corps) defences between U.1. Central and O.21.A.O.O. The remainder of the Brigade will be disposed in the BLANGY and GLISY defences and at BLANGY TRONVILLE.

13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. will be accommodated in GLISY.

5. Arrangements are being made for the withdrawal of personnel of the 8th Division as the relief progresses.

6. The A.D.M.S. will make the necessary arrangements to take over present medical dispositions as the relief progresses.

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7. The C.R.E. will arrange to take over the present Engineer and Pioneer arrangements and dispositions within the new Divisional area.
8. Nucleus personnel of 4th and 18th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be quartered, on completion of the relief, in tents at ALLOWVILLE, under arrangements to be made by A.Q. of the Division, who will also arrange for the accommodation of the nucleus personnel of the 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
9. Transport lines will be located in the area North of the SOMME between N.15. Central and CAMON (exclusive).
10. Further orders for the relief of the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. by the 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. will be issued.
11. Divisional Advanced Headquarters will open at GLISY at 10 a.m. on the 28th instant, Rear H.Q. will remain at ALLOWVILLE.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued at 6 a.m.

Distribution. Normal.

- 24. } Australian Corps.
- 25. }
- 26. 8th Division.
- 27. 5th Aust. Division.
- 28. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

On relief of the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. will dispose one battalion of the 8th Division as a nucleus garrison of the DIVISIONAL AREA. The remaining two battalions will be disposed as follows: one will be disposed in the DIVISIONAL AREA and the other will be disposed in the DIVISIONAL AREA. The A.D.M.S. will see that the necessary arrangements are made for the relief of the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. by the 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. on the 28th instant.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 114.

Headquarters,
27th April, 1918.

Ref. Sheet 68D, 1/40,000.

1. The 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. will relieve the 15th Aust. Inf. Bde. in the line from the main road (inclusive) in O.30.D. to P.19. Central (approx.).
2. On completion of the relief the Bde. will be disposed on a two Bn. front. Forward Bns. will be disposed with a depth of 1,000 yards. The remaining two Bns. will be disposed as Bde. support or reserve Bns. forward of the AUBIGNY (Corps) defences which run through O.27.C & A and O.31.C.
on night 28/29 April
3. Brigade H.Q. will be accommodated in the village of BLANGY TRONVILLE.
4. Details of the relief will be arranged direct between Bde. Commanders concerned. Command of the Bde. Sector will pass on completion of the relief.
5. The G.O.C., 4th and 12th Aust. Inf. Bdes. will arrange mutually for a joint post near their point of junction south of the main road. The establishment of this post will be reported by both Brigades.
6. All company commanders will be required to furnish a disposition of their men and the trenches held. These will be co-ordinated at Bde. H.Q. and forwarded to Divisional H.Q. as soon as possible.
map showing the
7. All personnel of the 8th Division remaining in the area will be withdrawn during night 28/29th.
8. (a) The G.O.C., 4th Aust. M.G. Bn. will co-ordinate all arrangements for M.G. reliefs within the Divisional Sector.
(b) The general distribution of Machine Guns on completion of the reliefs is to be as follows :-
 - Right Bde. Sector forward and exclusive of the AUBIGNY defences
2 Machine Gun Coys
 - Left Bde. Sector forward and exclusive of the AUBIGNY defences
1 Machine Gun Coy.
 - AUBIGNY defences
2 M.G.'s Sections (nucleus garrison)
 - Divisional Reserve.
1 M.G. Coy. (less 2 Sections).
- (c) Machine Gun reliefs on the sector south of the main road will be completed on night 28/29th April.
- (d) Machine Gun reliefs in the sector north of the main road will be carried out during night 29/30th April.
9. For tactical purposes all Machine Guns forward of the AUBIGNY defences will be under the command of Bde. Commanders in whose sectors the guns are emplaced.
The guns in the AUBIGNY defences will remain under the tactical control of the M.G. Battalion Commander, whose Headquarters will be at GLECY.
10. All arrangements for taking over responsibility for the Artillery defence of the Divisional Sector will be made direct between C.R.A.'s concerned.

The following Artillery will be available :-

- 20th Divisional Artillery.
- 179th)
- 14th) Army Bdes., R.F.A.
- 23rd)
- 86th)

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The C.R.A. will make special arrangements regarding the taking over and extension of the anti-tank gun defence of the forward area. Command of the artillery covering the Divisional front will pass at 10 a.m. on the 28th April.

- 11. Completion of all reliefs will be notified to this H.Q.
- 12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Lavarak

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

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- 24. } Australian Corps.
- 25. }
- 26. 8th Division.
- 27. 5th Aust. Division.
- 28. 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Ref. Sheet 1/40,000	Location.	Remarks.
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.</u>	62D	GLISY	CHATEAU.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		GLISY	
10th A.F.A. Brigade.		D.4.C.2.4.	
11th A.F.A. Brigade.		D.5.B.1.4	AGNICOURT.
4th D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Sec.)		M.2.B.4.2.	
S.A.A. Section.		BEAUCOURT	
4th D.T.M.O.			
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			QUERRIEU CHATEAU DAOURS.
13th Battalion.			
14th "		H.29.A.3.1	
15th "			PONT NOYELLES
16th "			QUERRIEU DAOURS.
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			TRONVILLE CHATEAU LINE RIGHT.
45th Battalion.			" LEFT
46th "			SUPPORT
47th "			"
48th "			LINE.
42th A.L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			GLISY.
49th Battalion.			BLANGY TRONVILLE.
50th "			BLANGY TRONVILLE
51st "		N.25.B.2.3	
52nd "		O.26.C.5.3	LINE
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.			BLANGY TRONVILLE
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q.</u>			GLISY.
4th Aust. Field Coy.			BLANGY TRONVILLE
12th " " "			" "
13th " " "			" "
<u>4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.</u>			ALLONVILLE.
<u>4th Aust. M.G. Bn. H.Q.</u>			GLISY.
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.			DAOURS.
12th " " "			BLANGY TRONVILLE.
13th " " "			LINE.
24th " " "			ON MOVE.
<u>4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.</u>			BLANGY TRONVILLE.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.</u>			ALLONVILLE.
7th Coy., A.A.S.C.			CAMON
14th " "			AGNICOURT
26th " "			CAMON
27th " "			CAMON.
A.S.C.			ALLONVILLE.
			<u>P.T.O.</u>

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POULAINVILLE.

4th Aust. Div. M. T. Coy.

LA HAYETTE.

A. D. M. S.

ALLONVILLE.

4th Aust. Field Amb.

BLANGY

18th " " "

ST. ACHEUL.

13th " " "

ALLONVILLE

4th Aust. Salvage Coy.

QUERRIEU.

4th Aust. Sanitary Section.

A. 23.0.5.9

RAINNEVILLE.

4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Sec.

B. 17.D.

BEAUCOURT.

4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement
Staging DEPOT.

ALLONVILLE.

13th A. L. H. Regt. (1 troop).

ALLONVILLE.

Aust. Cyclist Bn. (1 platoon).

ALLONVILLE.

D. A. D. O. S.

CAMON MAIRIE.

D. A. D. V. S.

ALLONVILLE.

A. P. M.

GLISY.

Div. Paymaster

ALLONVILLE.

Div. Claims Officer.

Div. Baths Officer.

Div. Burial Officer.

BLANGY TRONVILLE.

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by 12 noon daily.

W. Stewart Lt.
for Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 12 noon, 28th April, 1918.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DEFENSIVE NO. 3.

1. Main line of Defence.

The line held by the Division in front of VILLERS BRETONNEUX is to be maintained as the main line of defence. Every effort is to be made to retain it and to regain it if temporarily lost.

2. Reinforcement and Counter-Attack.

A definite policy is to be pursued as regards reinforcement and counter-attack and a clear distinction drawn between them. After an enemy attack begins it will generally soon become apparent whether a reinforcement of the firing line or a definite counter-attack is required. Every situation must be considered on its merits and if the line is seen to be holding or not seriously pressed back reinforcement will generally be all that is required. If, on the other hand, it is seen that the enemy has made a serious inroad into our defences, counter-attack will be required to regain ground. When a counter-attack is definitely decided on the whole force available in the hands of the responsible commander should be used, in order to make as sure of success as possible. Counter-attacks should be co-ordinated, wherever possible, with neighbouring units or formations, especially as regards timing. Piecemeal counter-attacks are to be discouraged. Reinforcement, on the other hand, will generally necessitate the employment only of a portion of the available reserves.

3. Zone Defence.

In the present Divisional sector the forward zone will be the area forward of the AU-IGNY line (exclusive). The defences known as the AU-IGNY line will be the front system of the 2nd Zone.

4. Divisional Reserve.

(a) Composition. The Divisional Reserve will consist of an Infantry brigade (less 1 battalion), a M.G. Coy., (less 1 Section), the Pioneer Co., a troop of Light Horse, and a platoon of cyclists.

(b) Method of Employment. The Divisional Commander considers that the enemy will attempt to envelope VILLERS BRETONNEUX from the South, and contemplates having to use the Divisional Reserve in that direction.

5. Work of Defences.

All work on forward zone defences will be carried out under the direction of brigade Commanders in the line. The C.R.E. will detail a Field Company to be at the disposal of line brigades for this purpose.

Every endeavour is to be made to link up defences with those of flank units and formations.

6. Headquarters and Report Centres.

Headquarters etc. are to be arranged strictly in accordance with Instructions for the Defensive No. 3, dated 11/4/18, issued by this Office. Where mutual H.Q. are laid down the arrangements will be made by agreement between the two brigade commanders.

7. Liaison and Intelligence.

It is vital that intelligence should be sent to Divisional H.Q. and flanks as soon as possible, and that as close a liaison as possible should be maintained with flanking units, especially with the FRENCH.

Mutual liaison posts will be established at the flanks of brigades and battalions.

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Active patrolling and minor enterprises, initiated by subordinate commanders for the purpose of inflicting loss on the enemy and of obtaining identifications, are to be encouraged.

8. Gas Precautions.

The clearest instructions are to be given to troops occupying areas liable to become seriously infected with gas as regards movement to avoid gas casualties.

When an area is vacated on account of gas the troops must be disposed in such a manner as to cover the area vacated with fire and deny its occupation to enemy Infantry and Machine Guns. The Artillery is invariably to be warned before, or as soon as possible after, such an evacuation.

The strictest anti-gas discipline is to be maintained at all times and places.

The enemy's policy appears to be to deluge the area he intends to attack with mustard oil some days prior to the attack and to use a rapidly dissipating lethal gas immediately prior to the assault.

9. Enemy Smoke Barrages.

The enemy has lately made frequent use of smoke barrages to conceal movement, notably that of tanks. Should smoke barrage be put down on the front of this Division a slow rate of fire will be opened by all arms searching back over the area concealed from view.

D. Lavarack

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

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4th A. I. Bde.	(5).
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13th "	(5).
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C.R.H.	(1).
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M.G. Bn.	(1).
Div. Sig. Coy.	(1).
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D.A.B.I.S.	(1).
Detachment 13th L.H.	(1).
" 1st Cyclist Bn.	(1).
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5th Aust. Division.	(1).
'C' Coy. 1st In. Tank.	(1).

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Ref. Sheet 1/40,000	Location	Remarks,
<u>DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS</u> 620.		GLISY	CHATEAU
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>		GLISY.	
10th A.F.A. Bde.		D.4.C.2.4	
11th A.F.A. Bde.		D.5.B.1.4	
D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Sec.)			AGNICOURT
S.A.A. Section.			BEAUCOURT
D.T.M.C.			
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		N.22.D.2.9	BLANGY TRONVILLE CHATEAU.
13th Battalion.		O.29.A.9.4	
14th "		O.17.C.3.6	
15th "		O.16.B.8.0	
16th "		O.22.C.2.2	
4th A.L.T. Bty.		O.23.A.3.9	
<u>19th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			TRONVILLE CHATEAU.
45th Battalion.		O.26.B.0.8	LINE RIGHT
46th "		O.26.B.0.8	" LEFT.
47th "		O.26.B.0.4	SUPPORT:
48th "		O.26.B.0.4	"
12th A.L.T. Bty.			LINE.
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>			GLISY
49th Battalion.			BLANGY TRONVILLE
50th "			BLANGY TRONVILLE
51st "		N.35.A. Central	
52nd "		O.26.B.0.4	LINE
13th A.L.T. Bty.		N.35.A. Central	BLANGY TRONVILLE.
<u>4th Aust. Div. Engineer H.Q.</u>		N.20.D.2.7	GLISY.
4th Aust. Field Coy.	N.23. Cent.		BLANGY TRONVILLE
12th " " "	N.14.D.8.7		
13th " " "	N.13.D.8.6		
<u>4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.</u>			ALLONVILLE.
<u>4th Aust. G. Bn. H.Q.</u>			GLISY.
4th Aust. G. Coy.			PAOURS.
12th " " "		N.30.D.9.0	LINE
13th " " "			BLANGY TRONVILLE
24th " " "		N.30.D.9.0	
<u>4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.</u>		N.22.B.8.0	BLANGY TRONVILLE
<u>4th Aust. Div. Train H.Q.</u>			ALLONVILLE.
7th Coy., A.A.S.C.			CACON
14th " "			AGNICOURT
28th " "			CACON
27th " "			CACON
S.S.O.			ALLONVILLE.

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LA HAYETTE.

4th Aust. Div. H. T. Coy.

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4th Aust. Field Amb.

BLANGY

12th "

ST. ACHÉL

13th "

ALLONVILLE.

4th Aust. Salvage Coy.

QUERRIEU

4th Aust. Sanitary Section.

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RAINNEVILLE.

4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Sec.

B. 17. D.

BEAUCOURT

4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Staging DEPOT.

ALLONVILLE.

13th A. L. H. Regt. (1 troop).

GLISY.

Aust. Cyclist Bn. (1 platoon).

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Div. Paymaster.

ALLONVILLE.

Div. Claims Officer.

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Div. Baths Officer.

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Div. Burial Officer.

BLANGY TROUVILLE.

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L. Craig bapt
for
Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 6 p.m., 29th April, 1918.

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SECRET.Amendment to 'Distribution of Units', dated 20th April, 1918.

Unit.	Ref. Sheet, 1/40,000	Location.	Remarks.
4th Aust. Field Coy.	62D		HLANGI TRONVILLE.
12th " "	" "		" "
13th " "	" "		" "
52nd Battalion.		O. 98. H. 0. 4	
Other units no alteration.			

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

As at noon, 30/4/18.



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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 248.

From 6 a.m. 28th to 6 a.m. 29th April, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the FRONT LINE.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Harassing fire was maintained on roads and approaches. From 8.7 p.m. to 8.35 p.m. batteries of RIGHT GROUP fired on S.O.S. lines, in response to an S.O.S. Signal on the French Front. From 3.18 a.m. to 3.20 a.m. a counter preparation program was carried out - batteries searching their S.O.S. Zones.

(b) Machine Guns. brought fire to bear on enemy positions.

(c) Aircraft. Active during the day, repeatedly flying low over enemy forward area. They were not troubled very much by enemy A.A. fire.

(d) Prisoners. 11 prisoners were brought in.

(e) Patrols. The Divisional front was vigorously patrolled throughout the night. Liaison was maintained between units and with Divisions on flanks.

A trench east of houses in P.25.D.1.6 was found occupied. A Machine Gun was also firing from this trench.

Hangars and houses in P.25.C. were unoccupied.

Farm immediately in front of O.26.D.6.5 held by enemy with M.G. Flares were fired by enemy from P.25.A.5.5.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

9th Coy., 26th R.I.R., 109th Div. in P.25.

807th R.I.R.

5th Bde., Gron.R.

} Cellars in VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.

(a) Relief. The 26th R.I.R., 109th Div. relieved the 48th I.R., 228th Div. on night 27/28th April.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Fairly quiet during the day. O.52.C & D and O.53.C & D were heavily shelled at intervals. At 8.7 p.m. a heavy barrage was put down to the right of the Divl. front, and ceased at 8.50 p.m.

Retaliation to our counter-preparation fire was very heavy and was distributed over the forward area.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Generally quiet. M.G's. were fairly active throughout the period. No Minonverfor activity was reported.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Machine Guns. Active guns located at O.26.B.4.1., two in western edge of MONUMENT WOOD, one in trench P.25.A.1.6.

(b) Posts and Strong Points. O.36.D.4.3. Strong points between O.36.D.3.3 and O.36.D.6.9. Sentry group O.36.B.7.1., posts at W.5.H.9.5, W.6.A.6.9.

(c) Trenches. Trench from W.6.A.6.9 to W.6.A.9.7 is lightly held. Trench East of houses at P.25.D.1.6 is occupied.

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7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

One enemy plane crossed our lines at 4 P.M. and was engaged by Lewis Guns.

8. MOVEMENT.

Transport heard on road running N. & S. through U.C.A.

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

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ANNEXE TO 4th AUST. DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 248.

Report on the preliminary examination of a prisoner of 9th Coy.,
26th R.I.R., 109th Division taken in P. 25 this morning.

Personal.

Prisoner is 37 years of age and was formerly engaged as a railway worker. He had recently been detailed as an auxiliary stretcher bearer. He is quite willing to talk but his knowledge of military matters is very limited.

Method of Capture.

Prisoner had taken a wounded comrade to dressing station and in returning lost his way and wandered into our lines. He was not challenged by any of the German outposts.

Order of Battle.

Not known. Prisoner thinks his Coy. was on the extreme right of regimental sector and the 10th or 11th Coy. south of the 9th Coy. Not known whether whole Division is in line.

Relief.

The 26th R.I.R. took over the line about 9 or 10 p.m. on 27th April. Had heard that they relieved 78th I.R. (NOTE: probably 48th I.R., 22nd Div.). Does not know anything of future reliefs.

Rifle strength,

Coy. strength. /9th Coy. about 140. Other Coys. in Regt. about the same.

Casualties. Last night 9th Coy. lost 5 men killed and several wounded by artillery and H.G. fire. Otherwise casualties have been light.

Moves. The 109th Div. came from RUMANIA to the western front at the end of March.

Before taking over the line on 27th they did a three days march.

Commanders' Names.

9th Coy. Commander	2/Lieut. RIGGELANK.
3rd Battalion. Commander	Capt. GREGOROVIVUS.
Regimental Commander	Lt. Col. TILDEMAN Von

Moral. Good throughout the regiment.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 249

From 5 a.m. 29th to 6 a.m. 30th April, 1918.

NOT to be taken into the FRONT line.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Artillery. Our artillery was fairly active during the period. Harassing fire was carried out during the night - particular attention being paid to cross roads in P.21.A, P.21.D, also occupied areas in P.26.D, P.27.C, P.32.A; constant movement having been seen in the latter square.

A working party in P.26 Central was engaged at 11.30 a.m. and casualties inflicted. Other small parties in P.26. were engaged at various times during the day. Other small parties in V.2.A. and B near the railway line were successfully engaged.

(b) Machine Guns. Both Vickers and Lewis Guns secured excellent targets for direct fire at dusk and dawn. Enemy parties coming forward at dusk from BUIS DE VAIRE and returning at dawn were successfully engaged and many casualties inflicted.

(c) Trench Mortars. No activity.

(d) Prisoners. One prisoner was brought in by our patrol. (Interrogation attached).

(e) Patrols. The divisional front was vigorously patrolled throughout the night. Liaison was maintained between units and with divisions on flanks. Reconnaissance patrols secured useful information. An encounter took place between one of our patrols and the garrison of an enemy post at U.6.A.3.6. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy. A patrol of Right Bde. reconnoitred farm at O.36.D.70.85. Patrol took up position close by and observed. Many flares were fired by enemy and machine guns turned on patrol. This locality is very strongly held - estimated to be a garrison of about 20 - 30. Enemy were very much on the alert and the work of the patrol was rendered extremely hazardous. Considerable amount of digging and deepening of enemy trenches is reported by patrols of Right Bde. Hangar at P.25.C.7.2 is occupied by enemy with Machine Gun. A working party was seen at approx. P.20.C.6.3 and Lewis Gun and rifle fire brought to bear on them. The party was dispersed and casualties believed to have been inflicted.

(f) Aircraft. Very active during the day, flying low over enemy lines. Heavy enemy A.A. fire was encountered by our planes.

(g) Minor Operation. At dusk the 4th Battalion advanced to a line from O.30.D.9.3 to O.36.B.2.0 and established four posts on that line; each post having a garrison of one platoon. No enemy opposition was experienced.

2. IDENTIFICATION.

H.W. Coy., 8th Reg. Jager Battalion, Jager Division in O.36.C.

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3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE AND DISPOSITIONS.

The Jager Division has come into line and holds a narrow sector with two companies in front line. The northern boundary of the Sector runs along the railway line.

Relief. The 20th Jager Bn. relieved the 8th Jager Bn. last night. Another inter-Battalion relief is expected on night 2/3rd May.

4. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Enemy artillery was apparently registering on cross roads in

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O.15.A. and B. This battery was firing from approx. P.36.A.5.5. On the whole the artillery opposite Right Bde. front has been fairly quiet but on left Bde. front more activity was displayed. VILLERSO and BRETONNETIX was shelled at intervals during the day by 105 mm and 150 mm. How. Batteries. Eastern end of BOIS L'ABBE was shelled by 105 and 150 mm. Hows. from 8 p.m. to midnight. P.19.C.8.8 and P.25.A. shelled intermittently with 150's during the day. O.15.A. was heavily shelled. At 8.30 p.m. a barrage, lasting 15 minutes was put down on O.34.D. and O.35.C. and on the French front. A H.V. Gun shelled back areas at intervals during the day. Between 10.15 p.m. and 10.45 p.m. the support area of left Bde. was heavily shelled with 105 mm's.

5. ENEMY'S ATTITUDE. Quiet but very alert. Machine Guns were very active throughout the night. Very few flares were fired between 8 and 10 p.m. but after that numerous flares were fired.

6. ENEMY'S DEFENCES.

(a) Work. Enemy appears to be digging on line O.36.D.8.5 - O.36.D.8.7. and working hard on front line trenches in vicinity of MONUMENT WOOD. A party was at work improving trench from O.36.D.65.10 to U.5.A.6.8. Party of about 20 digging a trench from approx. U.5.B.90.45 - U.5.B.9.3, working party at approx. P.20.C.6.5 A digging.

(b) Wire. An old thin wire obstacle runs along western side of MONUMENT WOOD.

(c) Machine Guns. Active guns located at U.6.A.3.5, U.5.B.90.45, O.36.D.62.85 (approx.), U.6.A.1.5, P.25.D.00.70, P.26.A.5.5.

(d) Posts. located at O.36.D.65.10, U.6.A.3.5, U.5.B.9.3, O.36.D.5.8.

7. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Very active during the day. At 10 a.m. 10 E.A. flew over our lines and were engaged by M.G's and rifle fire. At 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. enemy planes were over our lines. At 7 p.m. one E.A. was brought down in the vicinity of DAOURS. Between 5 and 6 p.m. 14 E.A. were observed at one time.

8. MOVEMENT. Considerable movement was observed in MONUMENT WOOD during the day. At dusk and dawn enemy parties were seen in vicinity of BOIS DE VAIRE and were engaged with Lewis Gun, Machine Gun and rifle fire.

9. MISCELLANEOUS.

Signals. One red and one green flare fired by the enemy brought down a barrage lasting 15 minutes.

B. Stewart Lt.
for Lieut-Colonel,
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL
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ANNEXE TO 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 840.PART II.INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES.From Moroccan Divisional Intelligence Summary dated 28th April, 1918.

Extracted from statements of prisoners taken during morning of 26th by the Moroccan Division.

Since 21st March the 12th Coy, 78th I.R. is said to have had 60% casualties.

A Draft of 30 men was recently received by this Coy.

The age of the men in the Coy. are between 19 and 38. The younger men were part of the last draft and had been only one day in the front line.

Prisoners think the attempt to secure AMIENS will be proceeded with, though they know nothing of any immediate attack.

The villages and ravines near the line are occupied chiefly by artillery horse lines in great numbers.

The country in the SOMME district is said to be packed with fresh troops or resting units.

The 1st Coy., 257th I.R. was 100 to 110 strong, but heavy losses were suffered during the three days in the line.

This Coy. had 3 light H.G.'s. in the front line.

The 77th Res. Div. is apparently in course of relief.

From G.H.Q. Summary dated 20th April, 1918.

A fresh division from CHAMPAGNE has come into line on the SOMME battle front, where 102 Divisions have now been engaged.

Two divisions withdrawn from the LYS front have been put into line in the LEHIS sector, and another withdrawn from the SOMME battle front has been put into line in CHAMPAGNE.

Of the 206 German infantry divisions in the Western Theatre, 138 have been engaged since the 21st March and 19 are of poor quality.

There are 15 fresh divisions in reserve, and, in addition, there are 34 fresh divisions in line which have not yet been drawn into the battle.

From 4th Army Summary of 29th April, 1918.

General. A prisoner captured West of MORLANCOURT states that he recently saw 20 new German tanks in the valley near the abovementioned village. If this statement is correct an attack between the ANCRE and the SOMME must be expected.

South of the SOMME a fresh division from G.H.Q. Reserve has replaced an exhausted division East of VILLERS-BRETONEUX. The enemy has therefore not reduced the number of divisions in the line between the SOMME and LUCE as was anticipated.

In view of this fresh division East of VILLERS-BRETONEUX it will be important to obtain prisoners at frequent intervals South of the SOMME in order to ascertain when the Germans intend to renew their attacks.

APPENDIX

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1 a.

Report on the preliminary interrogation of a prisoner of the
Minnenwaffer Coy., 8th Res. Jager Bn., Jager Division taken in
O.38.0. this morning.

Method of Capture.

Prisoner was sent back with the bodies of dead comrades and on
his way back lost himself and was brought in by one of our patrols.

Sector held.

The northern boundary of the Division appears to be the railway
line through V.1.
The Southern boundary is not definitely known. The Div. appears
to be holding a very narrow sector.

Dispositions.

The 8th Res. Bn. was the only Bn. in line in the Div. Sector and
they had two companies in front line, the remainder of the regiment
being distributed in depth. Apparently therefore the Div. Sector
is held by only two Companies in front line.

Reliefs. Not known what regiment was relieved by the Jagers. The 20th
Jager Bn. relieved 8th Jager Bn. in line last night (29th). A similar
relief is expected to take place on night 2/3rd May.

Order of Battle and Intentions. No knowledge.

Moves. The Jager Division was withdrawn from the Italian front end of
January then went into rest for several weeks. Later they went to
MUNCHAUSEN in the VOSGES where they remained two weeks, but did no
fighting. From here they went to HATTENCOURT and remained there for
about two weeks. From HATTENCOURT they came straight into the line
east of VILLERS-RETONNEUX and took over on the 26th inst.

Coy Strength and Casualties.

Most of the Coys. of the Regiment have a strength of about 200.
A draft had recently been received when the Division was brought up to
its present strength.
Casualties have been very light since coming into line.

Miscellaneous.

The 8th Res. Bn. belongs to a regiment without a number but called
VOE BIBERACH'S (named after the regimental commander) The other Bns.
in the regiment are the 20th and 21st Jager Battalions.
The M.W. Coy. had only one light Minenwaffer which, according to
the prisoner, is very rarely fired.
