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of the General Staff

4th Australian Division
I ANZAC B.E.F.
II Army

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MERRIS. FRANCE	July 1st	A.M. P.	The G.O.C. visited the 14th Bde, 4th Inf Bde, Team practicing for a Raid on the German Trenches. The C.D.A. + most of the Artillery Brigade + Battery Staffs moved up to their positions on relief of the 2nd Australian Division in the front line.	
		P.M. 9.30	The G.O.C. went on to I ANZAC. Head quarters at LA MOTTE (36.A.D.29.C.) A very heavy bombardment took place by both Artillery on the front of the 11th Corps (on our left) and the 2nd Aus. Division's left.	
	July 2nd	A.M. 11.00	The G.O.C. visited the front line of the 13th Infantry Brigade (alt 9. 12th Australian Division). The G.O.C. + C.D.A. attended a meeting of all G.O.C.s + C.D.A.s I ANZAC. held by the Corps Commander at Head quarters 1st Australian Division at SAILLY SUR LA LYS. (36.G.17.C.6.9)	
			Orders received from 1st ANZAC for the Division to take over the front now held by the 1st Aus. Division - with headquarters at SAILLY. (36.G.17.C.6.9). Operation Order No. 7. Issued for the move.	app. A.
			Sketch Map - showing front to be occupied by one Division - the whole of front held by 1st Aus. Div - and right Battalion of 2nd Aus. Div - vide	app. B.
			The reason for this move is that the 1st + 2nd Aus. Divisions are to be withdrawn to the Reserve Area, as a temporary measure + to be replaced by the 4th + 5th Aus. Divisions, so as to allow the former Divisions to be available for a move North or South if required. A big battle is being fought by the Allies on the South of the line.	
			To standardise the compiling of Intelligence Reports the attached G.S. Circular was issued to all concerned.	app. C.
		22.40	The 12th Infantry Brigade reported their arrival in their new billets (vide app. A).	
		23.30	The 4th Brigade carried out a raid on the German trenches - this was not a great success owing to the barbed wire in front of the enemy trenches not having been cut by the Artillery bombardment - the suffered some casualties + captured no prisoners.	
			hit several dugouts in the German lines, which were full of men, was bombed. Full particulars of the raid are attached in the report by the G.O.C. 4th Inf. Brigade -	app. D.

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MERRIS	July 31 st		<p>I quote from General Monash's report. - "Although the enterprise cannot be considered to have been successful, having regard to the number of our casualties" - all 14th Batt. - Wounded. LTC Wanless, Harvey + Roderick. + 25 others. Unaccounted for. LT Julian. + 9 - Total 38.</p>	
SAILLY SUR LA LYS		1500	<p>"yet this is no fault of the raiding party. I consider the resolution + determination of the party in persevering to force their way into enemy trenches, through uncut wire, under heavy fire, worthy of the highest praise, and reflecting the greatest credit upon their offensive spirit". Headquarters. the Div. is moved over to SAILLY SUR LA LYS (Supreme 36. G. 17. C. b. 9) during the morning. General Cox took over command of the front line (vide sketch App. B.) from Maj. General Walker, C-in-C 1st Aus. Div. is the latter did not actually depart till 9 pm. Our 3 Infantry Brigades will - within the next two days - have taken over the front line - the 1st Australian Infantry Brigade + certain Divisional troops will be in our area for a few days longer. A list showing Corps Troops in our Area is appended. General Cox is not altogether satisfied with the defence measures for this line + wrote to General Godley. C-in-C 2/A.N.Z.A.C. on the subject - a copy of his letter is attached. General Walker on handing over gave General Cox some notes on the defences a copy of which is appended. The outgoing troops are handed over their light trench mortar batteries to our Division (not yet equipped) only partly trained by teams trained at the BERTHEN but the Medic trench Mortars are being</p>	<p>App. E #12 App. F. App. G</p>

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SAILLY.	1916 July 3 rd	3 rd / ₄ th 2400 4 th 0800	<p>handed over, however the 1st Aus Div. Batteries remain in position pending further orders. We have now parted with our Divisional Cavalry & Cyclists. The former are incorporated in the 13th Light Horse Regt - under command of Major E. H. Williams, transferred from the 4th Aus. Princess for the purpose.</p> <p>The Division is temporarily transferred to 2/A.N.Z.A.C. who have established their headquarters at BAILLEUL. (28. S. 14. C.)</p> <p>In the last two hours there has been a very heavy bombardment going on - on our left front & on the front of the N.Z. Division, who are now on our left, near EPINETTE. (28. I. 5. A) on their trenches Nos. 74 & 75 - behind which the enemy established a barrage. but no infantry attack followed. ARMENTIERES. (28. C. 25) was shelled with H.E. & the heavy amongst other places was set on fire & many casualties amongst the civil population occurred. Aerial torpedoes were also fired. Our Artillery replied vigorously.</p> <p>Mr General Birdwood - C-in-C 1st A.N.Z.A.C. visited the trenches of the 13th Inf. Brigade.</p> <p>We are running the clerks of this office as one establishment - not as two - a G. & A.Q. Office - as is done by many divisions. Mr Cochfield - the Head Clerk - runs the office - so as to economise in clerks - that is keeping the best men at the jobs they know best. This is working very satisfactorily considering that none of these men had previous military office training. Certain clerks are, therefore, interchangeable in the different branches of the work to meet pressure of correspondence. There is a great deal of work going on - especially in Returns & Intelligence Summaries, which never cease. This is very unfortunate as the general staff are unavoidable tied to the office instead of being available to visit the troops.</p> <p>Owing to the 3 Brigades being in the front line - we are not able at present to avail ourselves of the opportunities of training at the Divisional Schools - Grenade, Bayonet, Fighting & Engineering & Gas Schools.</p>	

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Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAILLY	July 4 th	noon	The Artillery in the Corps Area fired three phases - each lasting about 1/4 hour - at noon - 2 pm & 4 pm - on hostile batteries that have been recently active. (See Hittell, Report of 5 th ind.) Intelligence Report of 3 rd ind. - dated today - attached. Orders received to husband Artillery Ammunition - that none would be available to assist raids in the near future. This is no doubt necessary owing to big expenditures in the big battle - down South.	App. H
		1700.	In accordance with orders from 2/A.N.Z.A.C. the 8 th ^{Aus} Field Coy. Engineers arrived for duty in the Area - The 5 th ^{Aus} Pioneers are also to come probably on the 7 th for duty on the Right Section. Orders received about the 4 th ^{Aus} Pioneers (less 1 Coy) now att'd. 2 nd ^{Aus} Div - are available for duty with our Division again. The 4 th ^{Aus} Div. Anti. Column - are to relieve the 10 th ^{Aus} Div. Anti. Column in this Area tomorrow.	
		22.23	Attached is a Statement showing the Disposition of our Division by Map Squares. The Germans opened a furious bombardment on the left of our line & extended right of the New Zealand Div. on our left - the intent of the attack falling on Section 57 occupied by D. Coy. 14 th ^{Aus} Bn. - & lasted for over an hour - & very intense - obliterating the barbed wire & parapet. This was followed up by an infantry attack - which the Artillery lifted & forced a barrage further back. This attack was taken in enfilade by the prompt action of the 19 th Lewis Gun Section - which fired 700 rounds. The Germans advanced with flames - (evidently to warn their Artillery) - but owing to the shadows thus cast & the smoke of the bombardment it was impossible to estimate their numbers. About 12 of the enemy however reached the parapet - or what remained of it - but only 5 crossed & they were at once driven back & fled through along the rifles & bombs. A number of our men were buried in their dugouts & the parapet. The enemy did not attempt to renew their attack but kept a search light & machine gun on the gap during the rest of the night. A certain amount of care was however shown up with Sandbag etc. Thirteen other Rankers were killed, 5 missing (either blown to pieces or buried) 2 Officers & 32 other Rankers wounded. Total 31.	App. J.

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SAILLY.	July 5 th	0600.	<p>The Corps Commander, with the G.O.C., visited parts of the trenches held by the 4th + 12th Infantry Bdes. 26 more Lewis Guns have been issued to the Division + allotted at 2 per Bn - making a total of 6 per Bn.</p> <p>Regiment fall the whole of the 1st Aus. Inf. Bde. (1st Aus. Div) were relieved from the trenches + entrusted about SAILLY. They are under the orders of the G.O.C. + available for all duties. This has considerably lessened our duties ^{but} still Battalions in the front line (excl of duty men + Specialist - e.g. Lewis gun + M. G. detachments etc) have only about 650 rifles in the firing line.</p> <p>It appears that many aerial torpedos were fired on the 4th Bde trenches last night + many craters 6 ft deep were formed. At one time they came over at the rate of about 1 or 2 per minute.</p> <p>Intelligence Report for yesterday is attached.</p>	
		2345.	<p>A Gas alarm was sounded. Most people had turned in + got up + put their helmets on - 2/ANZAC reported that the Gas Alarm had been signalled from the Right of the New Zealand Division on our left. The wind was N.E. + so we were in the danger zone. The 12th Brigade also reported having heard the alarm signalled. It was however found to be a false alarm + all concerned were at once informed. There seems to be some misunderstanding between a</p>	
		6 th 0130	<p>Gas alert. (preparative - when conditions are favourable to the enemy) and a Special Gas alert, (when Gas is actually reported as 'out'). - Most people took this signal as that of a real alarm - guns were beaten - Blunch bells rung - Shotos horns blown etc + everybody roused for their helmets. It is fairly easy to pass an alarm but impossible to signal an "all clear" afterwards - except under most laborious process of despatches riders etc.</p> <p>Our Artillery fired a considerable number of rounds in consequence of the Registered Night fires - otherwise the night was normal.</p> <p>A Divisional Class for training men to "Carrier Pigeon" work was opened today under the Div Signalling Officer.</p>	<p>app. K.</p>

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SAILLY	July 7 th		This last Summary shows the Casualties for the past week. up to date our Casualties have been as follows: -								
			Unit.	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Remarks.				
			Prior to June 30 th	4 th Brigade	Officers	O. Ranks	Officers	O. Ranks	Officers	O. Ranks	
				" "	}	3	}	31	-	-	
				13 th Brigade. 4 th Pioneer	}	1	}	6			
		June 30 th to July 6 th	4 th Brigade	}	7	}	1*	}	}	* Believed killed	
			12 th Brigade	}	+	}		}			
			13 th Brigade	}	2	}	179	}	7		
			Div. Engineers	}	-	}		}			
			Pioneer Bn	}	-	}		}			
		Total.	-	66	14	206	1	7	304 296 117	Total Casualties	
	July 8 th		<p>On the whole a quiet day - beyond a bombardment of some of the 4th Brigade trenches + Artillery duels - Snipers are very persistent - but one if not two were shot by our Snipers today. Our Artillery is not heavy enough - or quite enough to reply - to make our retaliation as effective as is desirable - in fact on our front the enemy have the upper hand with their Artillery at present. This is owing to most of our heavy guns having been sent South for the main battle, therefore we have no reason to complain.</p> <p>Orders have been received for 2/ANZAC for the relief of this Division by the 5th Aus. Division at once. Operation Order No. 2 (copy attached) for the same issued.</p> <p>1500 The Army Commander came over to see General Cox. + discuss affairs.</p> <p>Owing to these reliefs - a Raid into Gas - which was planned to take place from our Centre - by a team for the 1st Aus Div - as soon as wind + opportunity opens + which was ready last night but wind was adverse - is now abandoned.</p> <p>Intelligence Report No. 5. of date attached.</p> <p>During the night our Artillery bombarded the hostile trenches + communications.</p> <p>Result not known.</p>		<p>App. O</p> <p>App. P</p>						

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SAILLY	July 9 th		<p>The 5th Australian Division have begun to arrive in one Area + Staff + other Officers + Specialists awaiting orders. In the afternoon Maj. Gen. McCay Comdg 5th Aus. Division came over to see General COX.</p> <p>Our Artillery bombarded hostile parapets + exploded, what is believed to be two grenade stores, + damaged the parapets considerably in places + cut barbed wire. The enemy retaliated feebly. Our Artillery set a village on fire in the German lines.</p> <p>Lieut. C. H. V. COX, Remington Park. A.D.C. to G.O.C. is being evacuated to England for an operation for a clot of blood in a vein, + is likely to be away a month. He is to be replaced on the 11th inst. Lieut. HAMERSLEY 48th Bn - A.I.F. is attached to D.H.Q. in his place + takes over the duties of Camp Commandant from Lieut. D. G. REYBURN, 95th Punjab's, who will do A.D.C.</p> <p>Several hostile aeroplanes crossed our lines during the evening + there was a good deal of anti-aircraft firing but no apparent results. The German planes seem to do what they wanted to go + returned where they had finished. One aircraft also crossed into the German air + got shelled + returned, but no aerial combats reported. Communications.</p> <p>Our Artillery carried out a bombardment at certain hours of the night, against hostile positions.</p> <p>Intelligence Report No. 6. attached</p>	App. Q.
	July 10 th	0500	<p>The G.O.C. went round the trenches of the 4th Aus. Mt. Brigade into the G.O.S. 5th Aus. Division</p>	App. R.
		2330	<p>Operation Order No. 2. for a move to the HERRIS - LA CRECHE Area is attached, cancelled on receipt of orders from 2/ANZAC to the effect that our Division is to be prepared to enter for BAILLEUL. (Sheet 2D S. 14.C.) on the night of the 12th/13th to join the IV Army, however the move is ordered for tonight under the March Table to Operatⁿ.</p> <p>Order No. 2. (vide App. O.) held good. + was carried out.</p>	App. S.
	July 11 th	1630	<p>Intelligence Summary No. 7. dated 10th. attached</p> <p>Operation Order No. 3. re changes of move - so as to enter at BAILLEUL and BAILLEUL west - issued. The 5th Division has practically taken over the front line.</p> <p>Today was a dull cloudy day + no aeroplanes were seen in the afternoon - it has been a distinctly quiet day on the front line - which is fortunate for the Relief.</p>	App. T.

Intelligence Summary No. 8 of today attached
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SAILLY	July 11 th		<p>To avoid causing confusion & possibly disclosing our positions to the enemy our Artillery guns are to be headed over as taken over from the 1st Aus. Div. to the 5th Aus. Div., and in the same way we have exchanged the medium & light trench mortars. We shall now have 2" Medium Trench Mortars & Stokes' 3" light mortars. The change appears for the better.</p> <p>As regards Artillery - orders have been received from the batteries of the 4th Aus. Div. to all stay where they are at present (presumably to carry on their training) and to await the Artillery, as usual, lately attached to the New Zealand Division will join us at our place of detachment. This Artillery came originally from India with the III. Indian Division.</p> <p>C. R. A. Bdr. General - - - - - NAIRNE I R.A. 6th R.F.A. Brigade. Lt Col. J. D. Shever, ^{R.F.A.} Cndg. * 64th, 73rd, 81st Field, + D/5. Howitzer Batteries. 11th R.F.A. Brigade. Lt Col. J. M. C. Maxwell. C.B. R.F.A. 83rd, 84th & 85th Field + D/11. Howitzer Batteries. 18th R.F.A. Brigade. Lt. Col. C. A. Sykes. R.F.A. 59th & 94th, Field + D/18 Howitzer Batteries.</p> <p>Ammunition Column. Intelligence Summary No. 8. of date. attached - - - - - Statement showing the distribution of units at mid night tonight - attached - - - - -</p>	
MERRIS	12 th	0800 noon	<p>The three Brigades of the 5th Australian Division took over the front line from our 3rd Infantry Brigades, but the Section was not taken over till noon by Major General MCCAY - Cndg. 5th Division.</p> <p>The Headquarters of the Division closed at SAILLY at noon & opened at MERRIS at the same hour - the office being - the HOSPICE and all billets occupied by the Division in the quarters previously occupied by them.</p> <p>2449 Wt. W14957/M90 750,000 1/16 J.B.C. & A. Forms/C.2118/12. Lieut. Colonel C. H. BRAND. D.S.O. arrived from the 3rd Australian Division to take over the Command of the 4th Aus. Inf. Bde from Major General MONASH C.B. promoted to command the 3rd Australian Division, forming - England.</p>	<p>app. V. app. V.</p>

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MERRIS.	1916 July 12 th		Operation Order No 4. Issued for the entrainment of the Division for BAILLEUL to DOULLENS. (roughly 20 miles N. of AMIENS) to join the I/A.N.Z.A.C in the IV Army - now engaged in the offensive against the Germans, east of ALBERT. Copy attached - The Billeting Parties - Officers - were despatched by motor car this afternoon.	App. W.
DOMART EN PONTHEIU.	13 th	10.00	Divisional Headquarters closed at MERRIS. Most of the Officers of D.H.Q. proceeded by motor car to the new area - travelling via HAZE BROUCK, ST VENANT, LILLERS, PERNES, ST POL, FREVENT to DOULLENS (detaining Station - also CANDAS) and thence to DOMART-EN-PONTHEIU, about 71 miles, where Headquarters were established. The Division is to arrive during the 13 th , 14 th & should be all in by noon on the 15 th . Attached is the distribution of the billeting.	App. X 1/11
		noon	The Lahore Divisional Artillery join the Division - place of the Australian Artillery in this area. The G.O.C. went direct to I/A.N.Z.A.C at VIGNACOURT on arrival. The 1 st Australian Division left this Area yesterday.	App. Y
			The march discipline of the infantry marching in could scarcely be worse. The day was cool & cloudy - the march from 10 - 13 miles only - there may have been some excuse for men being so fatigued as a large number of the Australian made both a very bad & required renewing - but there was no excuse for the manner in which men fell out without permission & staggered - just as they pleased - for miles in some cases - behind the line. The Sab on carts - a further 1000 lbs & kits after - without permission & were generally ill disciplined. This called for strong measures the G.O.C. ordered a strong Circular letter to be issued on the subject - ordering that in future B's C. Batts will march in rear of their Batts during the 2 nd half of every march with further notice.	
		14 th	A.M. The G.O.C. went by car to the east of ALBERT & FRICOURT to see the captured German trenches & the recent battle field. The war news these days is excellent & the spirit of all ranks is splendid - we feel we have the push on the nose at last & hope for great things in the near future.	

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DOMART	July 14 th 15 th 16 th 17 th	1700	<p>Bd General MONASH, C.O. having been relieved of the Command of the 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. by Lt Col. H. C. BRAND, D.S.O. left for England to take up the Command of the 3rd Aus. Div. Since arrangements made to attach 3 Officers 32 men (i.e. 2 men per Battalion) to be attached to the 3rd & 9th Squadrons R.F.C. to be trained in liaison work between infantry & aircraft. Ground sheets for Signalling have been issued to Battalions. The course will last 2 days - when another 16 men will be sent.</p> <p>The 4th Aus. Inf. Brigade marched to NAOURS & billeted in the village.</p> <p>2 Lieut. N. McGhie, 15th Batta. attached to Div HQ. for intelligence, having applied to return to his unit. So as to be in a battle, rejoined today & was replaced by Lieut. A. S. Weightley, 13th M.G. Coy. The latter is very keen & speaks French & German & should prove very useful.</p> <p>Today ^{Major MCRAE} visited the 4th Australian Base Depot for Reinforcements at ETAPLES. (53 miles distant) under Captain CLAYTON, A.I.F. & also the Machine Gun School at CAMIERS. There are about 30 Officers & some 3000 men - Reinforcements, being trained under the Central School, under the latest ideas & under the best instructors available. Not only are men trained in Musketry but also in Bayonet fighting, Occupation of trenches by day & night, Grenade & Gas Courses. All Divisional troops, i.e. Technical Branches, are also trained in the Special branches. The discipline & routine of the Depot is excellent. He saw there men when they disembarked at Marseilles, 5 weeks ago, when they were as rough & undisciplined as could be imagined, & now they compare most favourably with the best British troops. He This opportunity ^{is taken} to record the splendid work done by Capt Clayton, Comd of the Depot. Lieut Day, his Asst. Adjutant & Lieut Wilkins the Quartermaster & no doubt there are many others. Attached is a copy of certain notes made on the visit by Major MCRAE. - Appen. 2.</p> <p>Orders were received today from 1/ANZAC for the Div. sum to move one march further East tomorrow, but these were cancelled before the actual orders for the move were issued.</p>	

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DOMART	July 18 th		<p>Nearly every day since the 14th, one motor car has been up to FRICOURT taking Officers to visit the captured German trenches & battle field, all the Brigadiers, Brigade Major, C.O. & other Staff Officers will have been sent in a few more days. All are enthusiastic about the state of affairs & the steady progress of the British line. Notes made about today to G.O.C, G.S.O (1) & A.A.G. M.G. visited the dugouts of the 4th Div. in the field near MAMETZ & studied their methods of conducting the battle as far as it concerned that Division. A sketch of the Battle field near MAMETZ Wood on the 15th is attached, when the British took DELVILLE WOOD is attached.</p> <p>vide Report dated 7th. Casualties of the Division when on the front at SAILLY.</p>	<p>App. A.A.</p> <p>App. BB.</p>																																						
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	19 th		<p>AM. Headquarters 1st A.N.Z.A.C. moved from VIGNA COURT to CONTAY</p> <p>The G.O.C. inspected the 12th Aus. Light Infantry Brigade - about marching as a Brigade.</p> <p>The 51st Division are passing through our Area N. to S. - HQ. at VIGNA COURT.</p> <p>6 pm The G.O.C. held a Conference of Brigadiers, C.R.A., C.R.E. & D.C. Train to discuss various Service matters.</p>																																							
	20 th		<p>AM. The G.O.C. inspected the 52nd Bn. 13th Aus. Inf. Div. - out route marching but was not at all satisfied with their march discipline or obedience to Divisional Orders.</p> <p>In the afternoon the G.O.C. went round the Field Ambulances with the A.D.M.S.</p>																																							

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DOMART	1916 July 22 ^d	2300	<p>During the course of the day orders were received for Divisional Headquarters to move to CANAPLES. (our billeting party found no accommodation), then orders were received to go to LA VICOIGNE, (no accommodation whatever) then to LA TALMAS - no sooner ordered than cancelled & ordered to stand fast - and finally at 11 pm. orders were received for 1/ANZAC. that D.H.Q. would proceed to TALMAS by noon tomorrow. Apparently a 3 covered move of Staffs was ordered - the II Corps to relieve us - who were to occupy the quarters of the IX Corps at TALMAS who were to occupy the billets of the II Corps at LA VICOIGNE - part of these elements & part of the billets being in the Areas of the IV + Reserve Armies - hence the confusion.</p>	
TALMAS.	23 ^d	noon 1500	<p>Div. H.Q. moved 10 miles East to TALMAS & took over the Office of billets of the IX Corps. Good Offices but unfurnished and very indifferent & scattered billets.</p> <p>The G.O.C. visited the 12th Aus. hp. Brigade - doing a skeleton scheme (i.e. without troops) of cooperation between Artillery & Infantry. The Artillery were represented.</p> <p>The Div. Signal Coy - opened up their electric light plant & fitted the main Offices with electric light - a great boon after the indifferent Government Acetylene lamps & candles.</p> <p>Reports received from the Base Depot re Reinforcements are not very satisfactory. There are only some 3000 men at ETAPLES and 16000 raw recruits in England. Judging by the numbers of Casualties in the recent fights it does not look as if we shall be able to keep up to strength much after our first action. It would appear advisable for the 3^d Division - recently formed - to be used to keep up the strength the other 4 Divisions - then to try & enter the field without reinforcements behind them - so that all 5 Divisions become under strength without hope of keeping up to strength.</p> <p>The G.O.C. visited the 4th Aus. hp. Brigade - H. G. Coy & Lewis Gun Sections practicing an attack - in which the 9th Motor Machine Gun Coy - 1/ANZAC. also took part. Some 50 machine guns being in action. He was very pleased with the arrangements.</p>	

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TALMAS	July 1916	24	<p>Operation Order No 6 issued to concentrate the 4th Brigade from further east - to the villages of RUBEMPRE, HERRISART & TOUTENCOURT. Copy attached. -</p> <p>4th Aus. Infantry Brigade moved into billets vide Operation Order No 6. of 24th inst - vide Appendix G-G.</p>	App. G-G																														
		25 th	<p>Disposition Action attached.</p>	App. H-H																														
		26 th	<p>The G.O.C. visited Headquarters 1st Australian Division at ALBERT, the Division took POZIERES (less the Cemetery) last night. A sketch of the village from about 2000^x South on the 26th inst. is attached.</p> <p>Orders received for the 4th + 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade Groups to move forward. Operation Order No 7 for the move issued.</p> <p>Disposition of Units shown on 27th inst. attached.</p>	App. I-I																														
		11.30	<p>The G.O.C. visited 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade today & witnessed a tactical exercise, cooperation of Infantry with Artillery - The Artillery were represented.</p>	App. J-J																														
		27 th	<p>Orders received to despatch HQ + 2 Coy 4th Aus. Pioneer by ²⁰buses for CANAPLES to ALBERT to be employed on communications to the front line under C.R.E. 1/ANZAC.</p> <p>Orders received also for 1 Officer + 50 other ranks of the Battalion to proceed by these buses as far as CONTAY & report to 1/ANZAC for work on the aerodrome there. Mares came out in due course. This leaves only the 1 Coy (less 1 Off + 50 other ranks) at CANAPLES.</p> <p>The G.O.C. proceeded to LA BOISELLE to see the captured German trenches.</p> <p>Mares vide Operation Order No. 7 carried out. The march of the 12th Brigade was deplorable. The 45th Battalion had to march about 10 miles, the 46th + 47th Battalions, 11½ and the 48th Batt. 14 miles to march. The day was cloudy & not unusually hot. The statistics as reported by the Brigade Commander are as follows:</p>	App. K-K																														
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TALMAS.	1916 July 27.		<p>The Brigadier issued the following Confidential Memo to his Battalion Commanders. "It is wearisome to re-iterate the precautions to be taken and rules to be enforced in order to maintain efficient march discipline. There has been laid down time after time. If Officers cannot loyally do their duty to their men and to their Commanding Officers they will be removed for incompetency. Commanding Officers will see that all their Officers understand this memo. The Divisional Commander had also something to say on the subject! Orders received from 1st ANZAC for Div HQ to move to RUPEMPRE tomorrow, to take over the billets occupied today by the 1st Australian Division who have been relieved in the line by the 2nd Aus Division & are on their way to Rest Billets. Orders received from 1st ANZAC for 4th Aus Inf. Brigade to move forward tomorrow, the order was cancelled later.</p>	
RUBEMPRE	28 th	<p>9:45 pm. 10 AM 2 pm 4 pm 29th</p>	<p>D.H.Q. opened at RUBEMPRE. Very comfortable Officers billets. The former in a big but old dilapidated Chateau. Orders received from 1st A.N.Z.A.C. that the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will hold themselves in readiness, at 2 hours notice, to move up in Reserve to 2nd Aus. Division, who apparently have three Brigades in the front line at POZIERES. Orders received from 1st A.N.Z.A.C. for 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade Group to move to HARPONVILLE VADENCOURT and for the 13th Aus. Inf. Brigade Group to replace them in the RUBEMPRE HERISSART - TOUTENCOURT billets. Operations Order No. 8 issued, Copy attached. Our Railhead moved to ACHEUX (Bwadgnage) in accordance with Operations Order No. 8. Troops of the 12th & 13th Aus. Brigade Groups came out in accordance with Operations Order No. 8. Detachment 4th Aus Pioneer at CANAPLES marched to RUBEMPRE. The G.O.C. motored out to see the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade march. The march discipline was very bad. The Brigadier reported that 310 men fell out with permission, 46 without. One fell was probably not the only cause for this, as last night the 1st Aus. Division passed through & halted at some of the billets of the Brigade & there were many meetings of old friends at Estammet etc & a good deal of liquor consumed.</p>	<p>App. LL</p>

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Appendix A
APPENDIX A.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - ORDER No. 1.

Headquarters,
2nd. July 1916.

Reference Map 1/100,000.

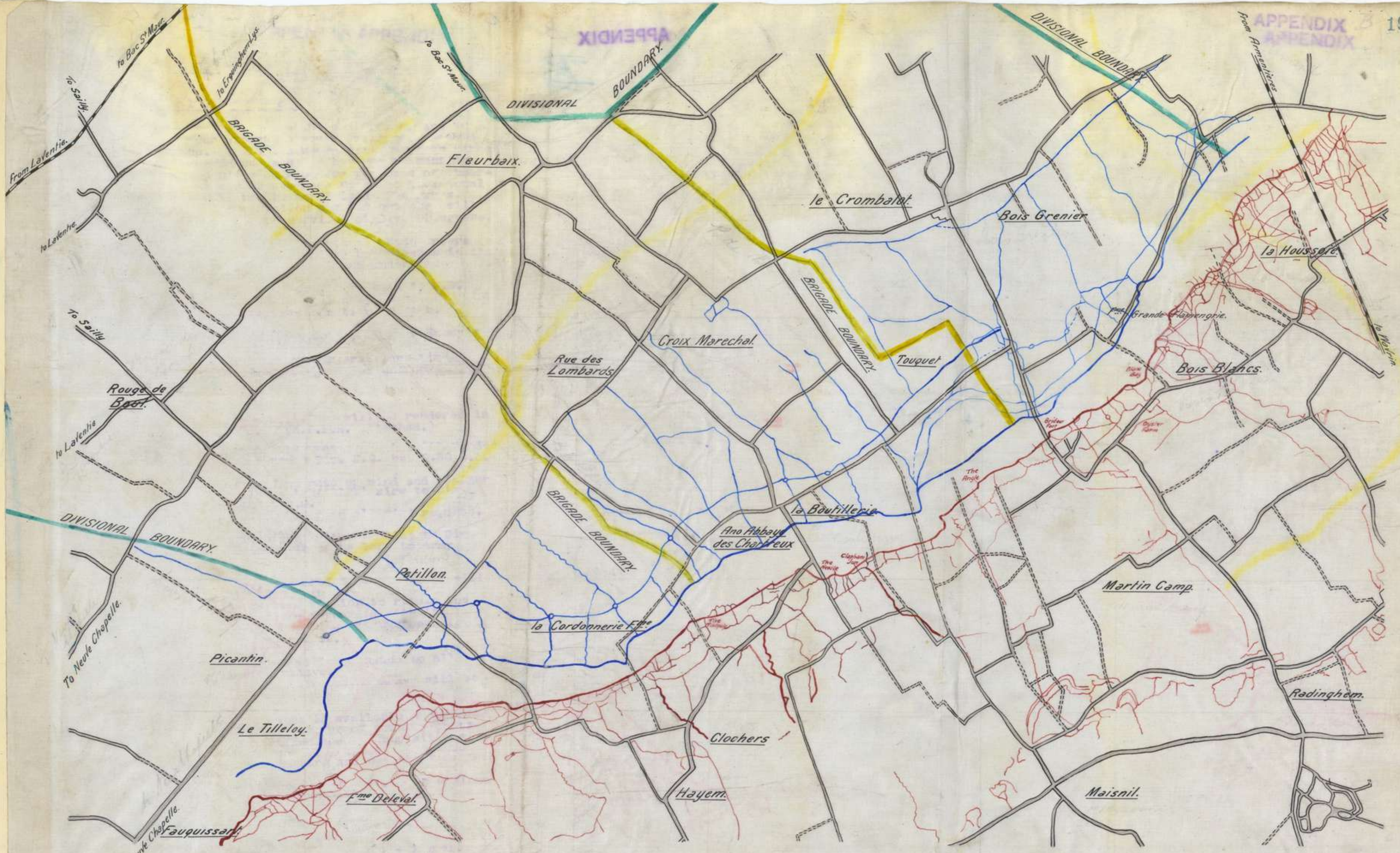
1. The 4th. Australian Division will take over the front at present held by 1st. Australian Division and Right Brigade, 2nd. Australian Division. Necessary movements will commence to-day.
2. The 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade, who have received special Orders will move this afternoon to SAILLY and take over billets at present occupied by the 3rd. Aus. Infantry Brigade. They will relieve the 1st. Aus. Infantry Brigade in the front line commencing to-morrow, 3rd. July. Arrangements for this relief will be made as soon as possible by G.O.C. 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade with the 1st. Australian Division direct.
3. The 14th. F.A. Brigade will relieve the Southern Group of the 2nd. Australian Division to-night, 2nd/3rd. July. The remainder of the 4th. Aus. Div. Artillery will relieve the 1st. Aus. Div. Artillery, commencing on the 3rd. and finishing on 5th. July. Arrangements for the relief will be made by the C's.D.A. of the Divisions concerned. The Divisional Ammunition Column will stand fast until further orders.
4. The 4th. Pioneer Battalion, Field Companies Engineers and Field Ambulances will remain where they are until further orders. The 12th. Field Ambulance carrying out the move already ordered to take place to-day.
5. The 4th. Divisional Headquarters will be at the Headquarters at present occupied by the 1st. Australian Division, at SAILLY. The Office will open there at 3 p.m. on the 3rd.
6. 1st. Aust. Divn. will hand over command to 4th. Aust. Div. at midnight 3rd./4th. July. 4th. Inf. Bde., 4th. Field Coy. and 4th. Field Ambulance will ^{come} under orders of 4th. Aust. Divn. as soon as 2nd. Division H.Q. moves.

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

Issued at 5 p.m.

APPENDIX XIX

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Section of Front Line held by 4th Australian Division
 from 3rd July to 12th July 1916.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
2nd. July 1916.

G.S.CIRCULAR No. 32.

Intelligence.

Divisional Observers. In addition to the one Officer and 30 men from each Battalion four expert observers will be attached to Divisional Headquarters. These observers will be under direct orders of 4th. Divisional Headquarters. They may be sent to any of the posts within the Division Area for purposes of observation or verification of their observations from the Divisional Observation Posts. There will not be any Brigade Observers. If Brigades want any special observation carried out they will arrange with Div. H.Q. to obtain the services of Div. Observers.

REPORTS.

Daily Intelligence Reports will reach Divisional Headquarters by 10.30 a.m. These reports will be compiled by Brigades in the front line from the reports from the Battalions under the following headings :-

- A. Enemy's Defences. (Special attention to be paid to M.G. Emplacements, Observation Posts and Enemy Patrols.)
- B. Movements in Enemy's lines, and organisation in rear.
- D. Signalling.
- E. Gas (Special attention to be given to location of Enemy's gas cylinders.)
- F. Artillery (Including the effect of our Artillery fire.)
- G. Equipment (Special attention to be given to uniform, shells and gas apparatus.)
- I. Aircraft.
- M. Miscellaneous.

The Artillery daily summary of Intelligence will be rendered in triplicate in the following form. (A.P.F.B. attached.)

The N.C.O. in charge of Divisional Observation Posts will render a daily report of observations to reach Div. H.Q. by 10.30 a.m.

WIND REPORTS.

A Wind Report stating direction and rate of wind and weather conditions will be rendered daily by 'PRIORITY' wire to Div. H.Q. at 5.45 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. A brief situation report will be included on all wind reports.

PRISONERS.

All Prisoners captured will be sent without delay to Div. H.Q. The interrogation of prisoners is to be left to Army Corps Headquarters.

DISPOSAL OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

Any documents, equipment, &c., captured from the enemy will be immediately forwarded to Div. H.Q. In the event of the individual responsible for its capture wishing to retain the article, a note to that effect will be forwarded with it. If the article is not required for experimental purposes it will be returned to the man who secured it.

DIVISIONAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES.

Divisional Intelligence Summaries will be issued to all Units on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

"Instructions for Intelligence Duties Second Army" will be issued later.

AEROPLANE PHOTOGRAPHS.

When new issue of these photographs is available a circular will be issued, from ANZAC, showing portion of country photographed. All these photographs are numbered. Requisitions for photographs required will be made by Brigades direct to 1st. A.N.Z.A.C. The Photographic numbers and not the Squares to be noted on indents.

Panorama Photographs. These will be indented for by Divisions and brigades direct to 2nd. Army.

OK Bernard.

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

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APPENDIX B

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Continued)

A.P.P.B.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. _____

4th. Australian Divisional Artillery.
6 a.m. _____ to 6 a.m. _____

Time	ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.					
	Hostile Battery.	Nature of gun.	No. of rounds.	How located.	Locality shelled.	Battery rptd. by.

Time	OUR ARTILLERY.			
	Battery	Locality Shelled	No. of rounds.	Remarks.

P.T.O.

APPENDIX B

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No. _____

(Continued)

INTELLIGENCE.

A.P.F.S.

No. _____

Battery	Locality	How located	No. of rounds	Remarks

Major.
Brigade Major, 4th. D.A.

Battery	Locality	No. of rounds	Remarks

F.T.O.

Appendix D
July 3/16.

51.

My dear General

I am sending you herewith a full copy of the whole series of messages & reports sent in by me to 2nd Div. -

I feel sure that on perusal you will agree that our boys behaved in a manner which is beyond all praise. - Nothing could stop them.

But for the one accident of our trench mortar bombs landing between the belts of wire instead of in the wire - we would have made a fine haul.

Yours sincerely

John Monash

Major General Sir H. V. Cox

B.M. No. 305.3/7/16.To 2nd Australian Divn

At 11.59 got message begins they got in alright and are now coming out ends aaa Immediately after all lines cut aaa. I closed gate at 12.10 and stopped artillery fire at 12.16 aaa. No hostile barrage. aaa. Am now endeavouring to collect information.

From 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. 12.20 a.m.

~~(sgd) J.M.A. Durrant.~~

Major.

COPY.

B.M. No. 306.

3/7/16.

To 2nd Aust. Divn.

At 2 past one received through Artillery channels that
raiders are still coming in but no particulars yet available.

From 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. 1.4 a.m. (sgd) ~~H.M.A. Durrant.~~
Major.

COPY.

B.M. No. 307.

3/7/16.

To 2nd Aust. Divn.

Information still indefinite but confirms that enemy wire and machine gun fire on wire caused some delay both going and returning aaa. Left parties found all dugouts empty aaa. Right parties found dugouts full of Germans whom they bombed aaa. No news yet of any prisoners nor of our casualties aaa. It is thought our party is now all in.

From 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.

1.53 a.m.

(sgd) ~~J.M.A. Durrant.~~
Major.

COPY.

B.M. No. 308

3/7/16.

To 2nd Aust. Divn.

Artillery Liaison Officer reports on behalf of
O.C. Attack fully confirming my statements in B.M.
307 aaa. Conservative estimate of casualties
inflicted is 25 aaa. Some of our wounded still
being brought in aaa. Our total casualties probably
as much as 20 mostly slight.aaa. No word of any
prisoners aaa. Our casualties chiefly from machine
gun fire aaa. Enemy trenches very much knocked about.

From 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.

1.53 a.m.

(sgd) J.M.A. Durrant.
Major.

COPY.

B.M. No. 309.

3/7/16.

To 2nd Aust. Divn.

Additional reliable information aaa. Enemy wire very little cut and proved formidable obstacle aaa. Our men gallantly persisted and about 25 entered enemy trenches and bombed several dugouts full of Germans aaa. Two officers including O.C. Assault wounded two officers not yet accounted for aaa. About 20 other ascertained casualties aaa. No prisoners brought in aaa. Practically all our casualties occurred while struggling through enemy wire aaa. Owing breakdown of telephones unlikely get any further information until party which is now scattered can be got together to-morrow morning.

From 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. 3.10 a.m.

(sgd) J.M.A. Durrant
Major.

8 a.m.

COPY.

July 3rd, 1916.

2nd Aust. Div.

Further to my field messages B.M. 305 to 309, I have to report on Minor Enterprise as follows:-

Information already sent, gathered through indirect channels, is now substantially confirmed. Artillery and Infantry action developed exactly as planned, and punctually. On reaching and crossing COUREAU River, two belts of enemy wire were encountered. The raiders describe the wire as "hardly touched", but there were large craters in the ground between the two belts. The party forced their way through the wire, under hostile machine gun fire, reached and entered enemy trenches and raided them. About 25 of our men actually entered enemy trenches. The left parties found neither men or guns; dug-outs empty; works very much damaged by our artillery. Right parties led by Sergt. Garcia, (wounded) methodically bombed a series of dug-outs - at least 3, probably 5 in all - crowded with enemy, one having an electric light burning. Several men confirm hearing enemy screams and groans in these dug-outs as bombs exploded. A conservative estimate is that 25 enemy were killed or wounded.

The withdrawal through enemy wire was difficult, as our wounded had to be got through.

For reasons which follow it has been very difficult to collect information in time for this report:-

On way out, both telephonists were wounded and put out of action. Before reaching enemy parapet, Lt. Wanliss, O.C. Assault, was wounded; but bravely carried on his duties until he collapsed. At 11.59 p.m. all my communications were cut, both on all direct and on all alternative routes - also all Artillery routes. Measures previously concerted to meet this contingency were put into use. The time taken was in collecting information as the raiders came in, not in transmitting same. All officers who went out became casualties.

Practically all our casualties occurred in going and returning in enemy wire - mostly from Machine Gun fire - but some men are positive there was enemy shrapnel bursting on its own wire.

One very intelligent N.C.O. thinks that only a few of our trench mortar bombs (medium) fell on our side of enemy parapet

The absence of prisoners or loot of any value appears to be due to

- (a) Shortness of time due to delay in crossing the wire.
- (b) Our returning party being fully occupied in helping our wounded.

Up to time of writing our casualties are:-

<u>Wounded:</u>	Lts. Wanliss, Harvey & Roderick & 25 others.
<u>Unaccounted for:</u>	Lt. Julian & 9 others.

Total 38.

Although the enterprise cannot be considered to have been successful, having regard to the number of our casualties, yet this is no fault of the raiding party.

I consider the resolution and determination of the party in persevering to force their way into enemy trenches, through uncut wire, under heavy fire, worthy of the highest praise, and

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reflecting the greatest credit upon their offensive spirit.

(sgd) *John Monash*

Brig.-Genl.
Commdg. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Please repeat to 4th Aust. Divn.

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11 a.m.

July 3rd, 1916.

2nd Australian Division.

Further to my telegraphed and written reports re Raid of July 2/3:-

In spite of the most elaborate system of alternative lines, both permanent and emergency, buried and over-ground, and with ladder wiring, -every telephonic communication between my H.Q. and the fighting units- unit and supporting Battalion was cut. The rockets supplied as supplementary signals failed to act. All intelligence had to be collected by runners and liaison officers who were new to the ground.

Following further information is available:-

Our Scouts encountered an enemy patrol of 10 or 12 men and drove them back towards their own parapet, just at the moment when our main bombardment commenced. The whole of this party was destroyed by our Mortar fire. Their bodies were seen by several of our men.

On entering enemy trenches, at least 6 enemy dead, killed by our bombardment, were counted.

The previous statement that there were no Germans encountered by our left raiding party proves to be incorrect. This party was led by Sgt. Pearse (after his officer, Lt. Roderick, became a casualty) and he and Corpl. Myers are most emphatic that his party raided at least 3 dug-outs, in all of which were Germans. These dug-outs were under the parapet, and the openings had covers, which the raiders lifted, then throwing bombs in.

This brings conservative estimate of casualties inflicted to following:-

By night parties		at least 25.
By left "		" " 10.
By bombardment	In No Man's Land	" " 10.
	In Trenches	..6.
	<u>Minimum Total</u>	<u>51</u>

Private W. Pike, of the party led by Sgt. Garcia (after his officer, Lt. Julian became a casualty) is positive that two Germans whom he killed in one dug-out were officers.

Sergeant Garcia says that the first bay his party entered was empty, the next bay was full of Germans, all of whom he disposed of by bombing. He was engaged in dealing with a dug-out which was brilliantly lit up, and in which were four of the enemy. His party had killed two of them by hand, when a shell struck the dug-out, rendering Garcia a casualty.

Lieut. Harvey led the assault through the wire, crying "Come on Australia. He was wounded while cutting wire. Lieut. Wanlies, (O.C. Assault) was wounded before the wire was reached. He nevertheless pressed on, and continued to control the operation from enemy parapet and was then wounded a second time. He kept on in full control until he had given the "Out" signal, and then collapsed. When being carried back he was hit a third time.

All reports agree that all men who succeeded in getting through enemy wire carried on coolly and methodically, as if at drill.

Hands, legs and faces of most of the party bear witness to the fierce struggle they had to get through the uncut wire, clothing being torn to pieces. Also, trip wire gave a lot of trouble.

Our Scouts, and some of the wounded, threw themselves on

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the wire, so as to form a bridge for the rest of the party to walk over them.

The loss of time entailed by the wire and the number of our wounded to be dealt with, made conditions unfavorable for bringing back prisoners or loot, but one man claims to have blown up a bomb store.

Enemy works were very much damaged by our fire, the parapet being in some places flattened out. Our replica trenches were very like the real thing. Enemy parapet is between 9 & 10 feet high deep, -fire-stepped.

Enemy commenced throwing shrapnel onto his own wire and No Man's Land almost immediately after our main bombardment started. Our Assault had to go through this, and through flanking M.G. fire from both flanks.

I consider the work of the party and every member of it a brilliant example of a determined, resolute and successful offensive under great difficulties. The loss of the officers made not the slightest difference to the party, the sergeants taking charge and carrying on.

I shall, in due course, submit recommendations bringing certain officers, N.C.O's. and men concerned under favorable notice.

(S) *John Monash*

Brig.-Genl.
Commdg. 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.

Secret



Copy of a ^{D.O.} letter from Maj Gen. H.V. Cox. Com^{dg} 4th Aus Div. to Lt. Gen. Godley. Com^{dg} 2/ANZAC. dated 3rd July.

My dear General.

As regards work on the line I am about to take over from visits paid to the front and other lines of trenches I think co-ordination & a general policy as to defence work is wanted. Also, while the 1st Div. have a support line 300^{ft} behind 1st line & strong posts about 1/2 mile back again, the 2nd Div. have the BOIS GRENIER continuous line 1000^{ft} behind 1st line & strong posts behind again. As we are taking over 1/2 the 2nd Division, some filling in of the two systems is now necessary & urgent. I like the 2nd Div. plan best - but as both exist all that can be done is to dovetail the two.

I propose to hold a meeting of Staff & Officers etc on the subject in 2 or 3 days time after I take over. If you have any general directions or wishes on the subject, would you let me have them?

As regards Raids. I am ordering a team to be prepared & place selected in both 12th & 13th Bde Areas. They will not be ready for a week or more. But a short delay will do no harm for (1) the Germans are very much on the qui vive just now & a lull will put them off their guard again. (2) I think our Gunners & Trench Mortar Batteries want a few days to feel their feet - & be sure of being able to give efficient preparation etc -

From the 1st (or incomplete) report I have received of the 4th Bde (14th Batt.) raid last night the chief cause of its partial failure & of most of our casualties was the bad work in cutting the enemy wire - this confirms my idea at (2) on last page.

I am etc.
I move to SAILLY by road today.

NOTES DEFENCES 1st. DIVISIONAL LINE.3rd. LINE.

to be completed, to junction with BOIS GRENIER Line in 2nd. Division. Two new posts between CROIX MARSUHAL and CROIX BLANCHE and one between latter and junction post (if site possible). Wire between posts, and small intermediate breast works for say Platoon and H.G. The whole to be connected up with a communication trench, (very necessary).

300 x LINE.

Exists continuously except on extreme flanks and one or two patches, but on whole is a completely defensible line - requires wiring in front, this has been commenced and plans with C.R.E. (Elliott to take over.) Convent wall defence special scheme, also with C.R.E.

FRONT LINE.

Front parapet still requires thickening in places, and more dug-outs to form parados. Strong points to be created, original plan for these was to make them to cover heads of communication trenches with flanks refused. More wire in front still required; small wiring parties should go out every night except when "Stunts" are on. (Reports daily).

(Organisation & Wiring drill

COMMUNICATION TRENCHES.

All want "Shell Slips", except Devon Avenue, V.C. Avenue, and Cellar Farm Avenue especially. Extra Exeter Avenue should be reclaimed, and led to road at Two-tree Farm. All timber going forward to be either painted or mud-washed and sandbags daubed with green paint.

M.GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

Mostly made in all lines, and positions satisfactory; but they require concreting. (1st. Line first, and so on.) G.O.C. has limited each Brigade to about 6 Vickers in front line, and uses Lewis there as more mobile and less likely to be knocked out. All Vickers emplacements in front line are battle emplacements and should not be disclosed except during enemy's attack.

WORK.

In front line is mostly done (a) by portion of garrison and (b) working parties from the two Battalions not in trenches. Under R.E. supervision. Best time for day work 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. In 300 x Line work can be done all day with care, and is done by Reserve Battalions, Pioneers and R.E. In 3rd. Line little can be done by day except in places. Work to be carried out by the garrisons of the posts, aided by Pioneers and R.E.

RESERVE BRIGADE.

Pontoon Bridge near D.H.Q. at the Brickfield. Men trained to put it down. Emergency roads and footpaths marked for their move forward. Reserves of all kinds to reconnoitre to their front by all routes to front line. (Note. When does Reserve Brigade, i.e. 5th. Divisional Brigade come up and who is it under till put into line?)

ARTILLERY.

To prohibit desultory firing, and endeavour to work on retaliation line system, except for Special Stunts. When retaliation is undertaken insist on having last word. Salvoes vigorous. Discourage Artillery before 11 a.m. in order to rest trenches, unless good target offers.

PATROLLING FROM FRONT LINE. GAS CYLINDERS.

A patrol should be out from every Company every night. (Rogers) Installed between N63 and N64, Fleurbaix Section. Orders are to discharge when wind is favourable, which is W. or N.W. Lieut. Bruce, R.E. has control.

OBSERVATION

Are chiefly along Rue Petillon, quite satisfactory. Best one is FLEURBAIX Church.

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4TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No. 1. - 4th. JULY 1916.

Operations.

Our Artillery was not very active yesterday. Very few rounds were expended and these were for verification and retaliation. Indirect M.G. Fire carried out on Road from N. 12.B.55.15 to N. 12.D.9.6. MAISLIN AVENUE, Headquarters (07 A.4.4.) and direct fire on enemy parapet. ~~Wire~~. An enemy patrol in NO MANS LAND reported by our sentries.

A patrol went out and searched ground in vicinity of TURKS POINT, where enemy sniper was captured on night 2/3rd. July. No enemy patrols were met. Other patrols report enemy working on his wire about N. 6. C. 5.5. and on wire and parapet at THE LOZENGE (91 A 20. 75.) An enemy patrol of 4 men was observed to retire at this point. Patrols also visited Craters on our front and found them unoccupied.

Preparing and strengthening of our parapets gone on with. Wire put out - 44 Coils.

At about 12.30 enemy bombarded trench 57, enemy then attempted a raid which was completely driven off by our Machine Gun and rifle fire. Enemy losses must have been heavy. Repair work on parapet carried out immediately.

Position thoroughly satisfactory.

Enemy's front and support lines.

Enemy has repaired his wire in several places and has been building up his line about N. 9. D. 9.3.

Enemy still working on his trenches in vicinity of TURKS POINT.

Enemy Rear Lines of defence.

Screen previously reported from N. 22. C. 7.5. to N. 22 C. 5. 4. has been found to be an entanglement four feet high. Work is still being done by enemy in this vicinity.

Occupied Buildings.

Smoke observed rising from House at (N. 12. a 2.3.)

At 0911 one man and at 1625 two men leaving Girls Convent (C. 14. A. 1.5.)

At 1215 three men entered house at N. 13. b 5.4.

Enemy Activity.

Artillery and Trench Mortars quiet during day.

Movements observed in rear of Enemy's Lines.

Small parties of men observed working on Tramline at O.13. C. 3.5.

0650 party of 44 men in single file carrying shovels moving from N. 24.b 5.9.

At N. 11.b.90.15. party of 20 to 30 men working during the day.

Miscellaneous Occurences in Rear of Enemy's Line.

At 9.45 p.m. one of our Planes was brought down by shell fire in Enemy's lines.

Enemy Shelling.

At 0800 enemy fired about 100. 4.2" H.E. Shells on and in vicinity of 4th. Battery Billet. Billet was fired and destroyed.

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Some personal and Battery Equipments destroyed.

At 9.30 a.m. 100 rounds 4.2" and 5.9" fired at gun pits
H. 25 D. 3 1/2.1 Two gun pits hit, no damage done to pits.

Light Signals.

Last night when enemy was bombarding trenches on left of
N.Z. Division front. Two red lights were observed. These
remained suspended for fully a minute.

Col. ...

Major.

for Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

At about 12.30 enemy bombarded trench by enemy then
attempted a raid which was completely driven off by our
machine gun and rifle fire. Heavy losses must have been
heavy. Repair work on parapet carried out immediately.
Position thoroughly satisfactory.

Enemy's front and support lines
Enemy has repaired his wire in several places and has been
building up his line about N. 2. 2. 2.
Enemy still working on his trenches in vicinity of
TURN POINT.

Enemy rear line of defence
Screen previously reported from N. 2. 2. 2. to N. 2. 2. 2.
C. 2. 2. has been found to be an emplacement for light
guns is still being done by enemy in this vicinity.

Occupied buildings.
Looks observed rising from trench (N. 2. 2. 2.)
At 0.11 one man and at 0.12 two men leaving the convent
C. M. A. 1. 2. 2.
At 0.13 three men entered house at N. 2. 2. 2.

Enemy activity.
Artillery and trench mortars quiet during day.

Movement observed in rear of enemy's line.
Small parties of men observed working on trench at 0.12.
0. 2. 2. 2.
0.20 party of 44 men in single file carrying shovels
moving from N. 2. 2. 2.
At N. 1. 1. 2. 2. party of 20-30 men working during
the day.

Miscellaneous observations in rear of enemy's line.
At 0. 2. 2. 2. one of our planes was brought down by shell
fire in enemy's line.

Enemy activity.
At 0.20 enemy fired about 100. 2. 2. 2. shells on end
in vicinity of 0. 2. 2. 2. shell was fired
and destroyed.

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Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
Divisional Headquarters	36	G.17.C.6.9.	
4th. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	36	H.17.B.1.9.	
13th. Battalion		I.31.A.4.7.	
14th. "		I.28.A.4.3.	
15th. "		H.30.A.8.3.	
16th. "		H.23.B.1.9.	
4th. Bde. M.G. Company		H.22.B.7.4.	
12th. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	36	G.16.C.9.4.	Move night 4/5th H.21.C.9.9.
45th. Battalion		G.22.B.3.4.	} Move to front line.
46th. "		G.22.B.3.4.	
47th. "		H.27.B.2.5.	
48th. "		H.21.D.7.4.	
12th. Bde. M.G. Company		H.21.A.7.3.	
13th. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	36	H.20.D.8.6.	
49th. Battalion		G.36.D.8.6.	
50th. "		H.28.D.4.7.	
51st. "		N.3.C.55.15.	
52nd. "		N.10.A.25.95.	
13th. Bde. M.G. Company		H.25.B.2.8.	
Div. Artillery H.Q.	36	G.16.D.	
10th. F.A. Brigade		H.25.C.9.1.1	
11th. " "		H.21.D.9.3.	
12th. " "		H.25.B.7.3.	---H.Q. Only.
24th. " "		H.17.D.3.3.1	
Div. Ammn. Column		G.20.A.1.1.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	36	G.22.A.5.2.	
4th. Field Company	36	H.18.C.2.6.	
12th. " "	36	A.30.B.3.9.	
13th. " "	36	G.18.D.3.4.	
4th. Div. Signal Company	36	G.17.C.6.9.	
4th. Pioneer Battalion	36	I.6.D.	
Div. Train H.Q.	36	G.16.B.2.2.	
14th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	36	G.14.D.5.1.	
7th. " "		B.20.A.3.6.	
26th. " "		G.14.B.2.5.	
27th. " "		G.14.D.9.6.	
4th. Field Ambulance	36	H.7.D.6.4.	
12th. " "	36	B.25.A.	
Advanced Dressing Stn.	36	G.27.C.8.3.	
	36	H.30.b.4.10.	
H.T. mortar Bty.			
M.T. " "			
M.T. " "			
M.T. " "			
4th. L.T. Mortar Bty.	36	H.17.B.2.8.	
12th. L.T. Mortar Bty.	36	G.16.C.9.4.	
13th. L.T. Mortar Bty.	36	H.25.B.2.8.	

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H McRae Major
Major-General.
Comdg. 4th. Australian Division.

To:-

CONFIDENTIAL.4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No. 2. - (5th. JULY 1916.

From 6 a.m. 3rd. to 6 a.m. 5/7/1916.

This Summary is to be regarded as a Confidential Document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

PART.I. Information from our own front.OPERATIONS.

A patrol went out on the night of 2/3rd. and searched ground in vicinity of Turks Point. An enemy Sniper was captured, but no enemy patrols were met.

Other patrols report enemy working on his wire about N.6.C.5.5. and on wire and parapet at "The Lozenge" (O.1.a20.75.) An enemy patrol of four men was observed to retire at this point. Patrols also visited craters on our front and found them unoccupied.

At about 12.30 on night 3/4th. enemy bombarded trench 57. Enemy then attempted a raid which was completely driven off by our machine Guns and Rifle fire. Enemy losses must have been very heavy. Repair work on parapet was carried out immediately. Position now thoroughly satisfactory.

Indirect M.G. fire carried out on Road from N. 12. B.55.15. to N.D.9.6. MAISNIL AVENUE, Headquarters (O.7.A.4.4.) and direct fire on enemy's parapet.

On night of 4/5th. enemy threw six Trench Mortar Bombs into left of Well Farm SALIENT. An Officer's Patrol from I.31.c.30.25. report enemy driving in stakes and moving heavy steel bars behind his parapet in the vicinity of "The LOZENGE" (O.1.a.30.75). An enemy patrol of three men were observed moving along their own wire.

Patrols and Listening Posts last night covered Sections 51, 52, 53, 56, and 57, and found everything quiet.

A Patrol went out from Trench 53 to investigate a piece of white paper seen tied to a stick in NO MAN'S LAND. This was found to be a letter addressed 'TOMMIES'. A box 27" x 7" x 2" containing a white substance, evidently gun cotton was also found.

Enemy's Front and Support Lines.

Enemy has repaired his wire in several places and has been building up his line about N.9.D.9.3.

Enemy still working on his trenches in vicinity of Turks Point.

Enemy's parapet has not been repaired to any great extent opposite Sections 48 and 49, nor opposite Sections 56 and 57.

Enemy's Rear Lines of Defence.

Screen previously reported from N. 22.C.7.5. to N. 22.C.5.4. has been found to be an entanglement 4 feet high. Work is still being done by enemy in this vicinity.

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Enemy Activity.

Much work seems to be in progress in rear of enemy's lines (see heading). Enemy's sniping had decreased considerably. A few trench mortar bombs were thrown over (see operations). - There was considerable shelling by enemy on 13th. Brigade Area (See Enemy Shelling).

Movements Observed in Rear of Enemy's Lines.

Time 3/4th.

Small parties of men observed working on Bramline at O.13.C.3.5.

At 6.50 a.m. party of 44 men in single file carrying shovels moving from N.24.b.5.9.

At N.11.b.90.15. party of from 20 to 30 men working during the day.

Time 4/5th.

At intervals during the day small parties and transports were observed on the BOIS de BLANCO Road. Traffic on this road lessened as a result of a few shells from our Artillery.

At 3.10 p.m. several persons seen passing through trees at back of FORT BRIDOUX.

A party of 8 were observed round buildings immediately to left of Hallenes Steeple.

At 7.5 a.m. enemy working party of 7 men putting out wire at O.7.a.7.6.

At 7.20 a.m. 9 men working on MAISNIL AVENUE at N.12.B.0.5.

At 7.50 a.m. small parties of men sawing and carrying timber at breast work. Also movement around high mound of earth at O.14.A.5.8.

At 8.20 a.m. party of 6 men at N.11.d.5.7. Two limbers each drawn by 4 horses passed this place at 8.50 a.m.

At different times of the day, parties of men (eight in number) and cyclists passed up and down HAYEM-FROMELLES Road at N.22.b.95.55. Mostly in single file.

Snipers Post.

Located at N.6.B.7.9.

Occupied Buildings.

Smoke seen rising from house at N.12.a.2.3. at different times between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 3/4th.

Three men seen leaving Girl's Convent at O.14.A.1.5.

At 12.15 p.m. three men entered house at N.18.b.5.4.

Condition of ground.

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 6". At CELLAR FARM 5 1/2".

Depth of River LYS at SAILLY BRIDGE 10' 7"

Trench Tramways.

Enemy use daily, tramlines at N.6.c.4.2., N.24.B.5.9. and O.13.c.4.5.

Searchlights.

Enemy is using a weak searchlight in vicinity of his support trenches opposite left Battalion of 12th. Brigade. A Searchlight was directed on Section 57.

Miscellaneous.

Steel helmets have proved effective in several instances in turning rifle bullets.

Enemy Shelling

At 8 a.m. on the 3rd. Enemy fired about 100 4.2 H.E. Shells on and in vicinity of 4th. Battery Billet. Billet was fired and destroyed.

At 9.30 a.m. 100 rounds 4.2. and 5.9" fired at guns pits H.25.0.35.10. Two pits hit. No damage done. Enemy shelled trenches 54 to 57 heavily on night 3/4th.

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Major.
for Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff 4th. Australian Divn.

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CONFIDENTIAL.4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No. 3. - 6th. JULY 1918.OPERATIONS.

Our Patrols were active last night but were forced to return early owing to Gas alarm. Nothing to report. Wiring and repair work of Trench 57 (I.20.C.3 $\frac{1}{2}$.D) carried on with.

Our Artillery fired a considerable number of rounds on Registered Night Lines owing to Gas alarm being sounded. Artillery otherwise quiet. A Gas alarm was passed along from our left at about 11.40 p.m., but was not confirmed.

Enemy's front and Support Lines.

Last night enemy erected 10 Coils of barbed wire at N. 10.b.8.4. and at N.10.b.65.40. is using poles and drawn iron grating for revetting.

Enemy's parapet has been badly breached at N. 14.a.9.5.

Enemy working party heard respairing wire at I.26.8.7.I. Party fired on by our Machine Guns.

Machine Gun Replacements.

Enemy's trench opposite Trench 54 (I.26.D.5.2.) is being altered. Apparently for purpose of constructing a M.G. emplacement.

Condition of Ground.

Depth of River LAIES at SAILLY Bridge 10".

Depth of River LAIES at our parapet 6". At Cellar Farm 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Movement behind Enemy Lines.

Transport still continues to move East and West along RUE DES BOIS BLANCS Road. Six men reported working in open at O.7.D.4.4. at 10.30 a.m. Eight men in dark uniform seem to move into Scrub at MARTIN'S CORNER (O.7.A.9.6.)

Searchlights.

An Enemy searchlight was directed on right of SALIENT (Trench 48.), (I.31.C.5.4.). At 12.10 a.m. two enemy Searchlights appeared opposite Trench 59 (I.20.D.8.5.) These searchlights move about quickly and are apparently mounted on some vehicle.

Enemy Shelling.

The Enemy fired 40 H.E. and Shrapnel Shells into trenches 50.51. and 52 (from I.31.D.2.9. to I.31.D.8.5.) minor casualties and a few breaches made in our parapet.

Miscellaneous.

A Carrier Pigeon was observed flying from direction of ARMENTIERES over to enemy's lines.

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

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
Divisional Headquarters	36.	G. 17. C. 6. 9.	
4th. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	H.	17. B. 1. 9.	
13th. Battalion	I.	31. A. 4. 7.	
14th. " "	I.	26. A. 4. 3.	
15th. " "	H.	30. A. 8. 3.	
16th. " "	H.	23. B. 1. 9.	
4th. Bde. M.G. Company	H.	22. B. 7. 4.	
12th. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	H.	21. A. 8. 1.	
45th. Battalion	H.	35. C. 9. 5.	
46th. " "	H.	36. A. 2. 2.	
47th. " "	H.	27. B. 2. 5.	
48th. " "	H.	21. D. 7. 4.	
12th. Bde. M.G. Company	H.	21. A. 7. 3.	
13th. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	H.	20. D. 6. 6.	
49th. Battalion	G.	36. D. 8. 6.	
50th. " "	H.	26. D. 4. 7.	
51st. " "	N.	3. C. 5. 7.	
52nd. " "	N.	10. A. 2. 9.	
13th. Bde. M.G. Company	H.	25. B. 2. 8.	
Div. Artillery H.Q.	G.	16. D.	
10th. F.A. Brigade	H.	25. C. 9. 1.	
11th. " "	H.	21. D. 9. 3.	
12th. " "	H.	25. B. 7. 3.	H.Q. only
24th. " "	H.	17. D. 3. 3.	
Div. Ammn. Column	G.	20. A. 1. 1.	14 Sect. G. 20. D. 0. 1. G. 21. D. 2. 1. G. 20. C. 9. 9. L. 11. D. 0. 2.
Div. Engineers H.Q.	G.	22. A. 5. 2.	
4th. Field Company	H.	18. C. 2. 6.	for G. 18. D. 4. 7.
12th. " "	A.	30. B. 3. 4.	N. 1. D. 8. 5.
13th. " "	G.	18. D. 3. 4.	G. 22. B. 0. 7.
4th. Div. Signal Company	G.	17. C. 6. 9.	
4th. Pioneer Battalion	I.	G. D.	H. 19. C. 3. 8.
Div. Train H.Q.	G.	16. D. 2. 2.	
14th. Coy. A.A.S.C.	G.	14. D. 8. 1.	
7th. " "	B.	20. A. 8. 6.	
26th. " "	G.	14. A. 9. 3.	
27th. " "	G.	15. C. 2. 2.	
4th. Field Ambulance	H.	8. C. 2. 1.	H. 7. D. 6. 4.
12th. " "	A.	30. B. 2. 2.	
13th. " "	G.	27. C. 6. 3.	
4 th . Sanitary Section	G.	22. 8. 1. 7.	
H.T. mortar Bty.			
M.T. " "			
M.T. " "			
M.T. " "			
4th. L.T. Mortar Bty.	H.	17. B. 2. 8.	I. 31. A. 5. 6.
12th. L.T. Mortar Bty.	G.	16. C. 9. 4.	
13th. L.T. Mortar Bty.	H.	25. B. 2. 8.	

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Major-General,
Comdg. 4th. Australian Division.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No. 4. - 7th. JULY '16.

From 6 a.m. on 5th. JULY to 6 a.m. on 7th. JULY.

This summary is to be regarded as a Confidential Document and is not to be taken into the front trenches.

OPERATIONS.

Our patrols have been active during the past two days, but did not get in touch with the enemy patrols. All craters visited and found unoccupied. Nothing to report.

Our Artillery was very active yesterday. A party working on MARTIN'S CORNER O.8.C.8.7. was dispersed. Heavy fire was directed on enemy trenches at N.10.C.7.3., N.16.b.10.6., and N.16.B.5.10. considerable damage done to enemy's parapet and a barrage was made opposite trench N.10.2. which was held for about ten minutes. Enemy retaliated feebly.

Direct Machine Gun fire was brought to bear on Junction of roads(N.16.b.70.86.)

Enemy's Front and Support Lines.

On the night of the 5/6th. enemy erected 10 coils of barbed wire at N.10.b.8.4.

Enemy had been very active in repairing breaches and damages to parapet.

Enemy trench at I.26.D.5.2. is being altered evidently for construction of M.G. emplacement.

Condition of ground.

Depth of River LAIES at parapet	-	3"
" " " Cellar Farm	-	6"
" " " SAILLY Bridge	-	10'5"

Movement behind Enemy Lines.

Six men reported working in open at O.7.D.4.4. at 10.30 a.m. Eight men in dark uniform were seen to move into scrub at MARTENS CORNER (O.7.A.7.6.)

Two men observed moving in tree at O.14.A.8.3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Eight men in dark uniform observed crossing from E. to W. at O.7.D.6.5.

Several men were seen during the day passing up and down HAYEM-FRANELLES Road and also to cross this road at N.22.D.9.5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Searchlights

An enemy searchlight was directed on right of Salient trench 48 (1.F.1.C.5.4.) at 12.10 a.m. two enemy searchlights were seen opposite trench 59. (L.1.20.D.85. These searchlights, move about quickly and are apparently mounted on some vehicle.

Enemy Shelling.

On the night of the 5/6th. enemy fired 40 H.E. and Shrapnel shells into trenches 50, 51 and 52, (from 1.31.D.2/9. to 1.31.D.8/5. Slight damage ~~to~~ resulted.

Yesterday afternoon enemy artillery directed their fire on FLEURBAIX. About 100 rounds 77 and 4.2. were fired, but damage immaterial.

G. S. 4th.
 Major.
 for Lieut. Colonel.
 G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,
7th. July 1916.SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.From Midnight 3/4th. JULY 1916 to 6 p.m. on 7th. JULY 1916.Reference Map Scale 1/40,000

1. Headquarters of the Division moved from MERRIS to SAILLY SUR LYS on the 3rd. JULY, Major-General Sir H.V. COX actually took over Command at 9 p.m. from Major-General H. B. WALKER, Commanding 1st. Australian Division.

OPERATIONS.

2. The following raids have been carried out :-
At 11.40 p.m. on the night of the 2/3rd. a Raiding Party formed of volunteers of the 14th. Battalion raided the enemy's trenches. These men had previously undergone a special course of training.
After a short Artillery Bombardment the main body assaulted the enemy's trenches, but found the wire uncut, although the parapet had been considerably damaged.
The party forced their way through under Machine Gun and Shrapnel fire. The hands, legs, faces and clothing of most of the party bear witness to the fierce struggle. HARVEY leading the assault and all the Officers were wounded crossing the line. Some of the Scouts and wounded threw themselves on the wire so as to form a bridge for the rest of the party to walk over. The enemy's artillery retaliated by a barrage across "NO MANS LAND". At least 6 dead Germans were found in the trenches the rest had taken refuge in dug-outs, three of which were bombed. These dug-outs were brilliantly lighted. Lieut Wanliss was again wounded on the parapet, where he stayed in Command till he gave the word "OUT" and fell unconscious, and whilst being carried back across the wire was wounded a third time. Sergt. GARCIA, his Officer Lieut. JULIAN having been wounded, led a grenade party, cleared a bay full of Germans and attacked several dug-outs and killed two Officers, when a shell struck the dug-out and wounded the Sergt. However a bomb store was exploded and the party withdrew. More casualties occurred recrossing the wire and removing the wounded was very difficult.
Our party lay down in "NO MANS LAND" until the barrage ceased which was almost at once. Meanwhile our Artillery had re-opened on the trenches.
It is estimated 50 of the enemy were killed.
Our Casualties :- 3 Officers) wounded. (Lieuts. WANLISS,
32 O.R.) (RODERICK & HARVEY.
1 Officer) 2/Lt. R.D.W. JULIAN - Missing.
4 O.R.)

The determination of this party to force their way into the enemy's trenches through uncut wire under heavy fire is worthy of the highest praise.

Attempted Enemy Raid.

On the night of the 3rd/4th, at 10.23 p.m., the German Artillery opened a heavy bombardment, with 77 m.m., & 4.2, and 5.9 H.E., also land torpedoes, on certain trenches held by the 14th Battalion, A.I.F., which severely damaged the barbed wire, parapets, parados, dug-outs, and support trenches.

So intense was the bombardment that there was no opposition to their line. About midnight the Artillery fire gradually ceased, and the enemy was seen advancing firing flares; their numbers could not be estimated owing to the smoke and darkness. Our machine guns were able to enfilade their advance, and not more than 12 of the enemy reached our parapet, but only four crossed it and were immediately driven back. They fled, leaving one dead and four rifles behind them. The attack had faded away. Next morning many dead Germans were seen in "No Man's Land", but owing to long grass the number could not be estimated, and our patrols have been prevented searching the ground by machine gun fire and searchlights.

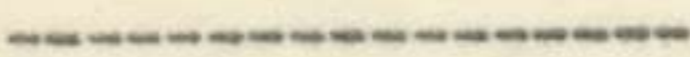
All damage to our lines has been repaired.

Our Casualties were :-

Killed.	10	Other Ranks.	
Wounded.	2	Officers.	(Capt. C.R.M. COX. (Lieut. J. MACKAY.
"	21	Other Ranks.	

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The enemy's sniping is very persistent.



ARTILLERY

Hostile The Enemy's Artillery has been active at intervals when our Guns strongly retaliated and in every duel silenced the enemy. The Enemy has several times shelled FLEUBAIX (H. 21 D) and several houses have been destroyed.

Some Billets have also been shelled but no material damage done. This is very important as billets are steadily decreasing owing to the destruction by shell fire and more dug-outs will be required before the Winter sets in.

The right front Battalion of the 13th Aust. Inf. Brigade has been subjected to heavy bombardments on two occasions.

OUR ARTILLERY and T.M.B. have been very active during the week.

Several "stunts" have been carried out by the Div. Artillery alone and also in cooperation with neighbouring Artillery in connection with the raids.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED

18 Pr Shrapnel	1964
18 Pr H.E.	848
4.5 H.E.	281.

WORK

All damage done to our first line has been repaired. Owing to the unusual number of troops now available for fatigue work it is hoped good progress will now be made.

ENEMY'S DEFENCES

In spite of Machine Gun fire the enemy has consistently repaired all damage to his parapet and wire during the nights of the past week and has strengthened his wire at several places.

PATROLS

Patrols have constantly visited all craters on our front line and found them unoccupied.

One hostile Patrol of 10 to 12 men was encountered on the night of the 2nd/3rd by a patrol of the 14th Battn. and driven back to their trenches just as the Artillery Bombardment for our raid began. One Sentry reports that the whole of the party were destroyed by our fire.

WEATHER

The weather on the whole has been more wet than dry.

GAS

There have been several false Gas Alarms which have hindered night patrol work.

CASUALTIES

		Casualties for week ending July 6th 1916		Names of Officers.	
	Off	O.R.			
Killed		58	Wounded:--		Believed Killed.
Wounded	9	179	2/Lt. L. Lyons 49BN	2/Lt. R.D. Julian	
Missing		7	Cpt. R.E. Bardwell 51BN		
Missing			2/Lt. R.W. Vohes JONES 14th Bn.		
believe			2/Lt. J.V. B. Roderick	"	
killed	1		Lt. H.B. Wanliss	"	
Missing			Lt. J.B. Mackay	"	
believe		Nil.	Cpt. C.R.M. Cox	"	
Prisoner.			Lt. A.T. Harvey	"	
			2/Lt. G. Kirkland,	4th M.G. Coy	
Total	10	244			

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Major-General

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