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BAC STMAUR	April. 14 <sup>th</sup>		Brigadier-General L. D. FRASER and Captain J. V. J. ELLIS assumed the duties of ANZA Corps Heavy Artillery Commander and Brigade Major ANZA Corps Heavy Artillery respectively									
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Head Quarters ANZA Corps Heavy Artillery temporarily established at H 13 a 2. 8 (Sheet 36 N.W.) Small staff and telephonists temporarily borrowed from neighbouring units pending arrival of Staff demanded from Base.									
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Captain J. A. BROOKE, 6 <sup>th</sup> Dragoons, reported at ANZA Corps Heavy Artillery Head Quarters as Staff Captain.									
	20 <sup>th</sup>		<p>"LORINGS GROUP" composed of</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>109<sup>th</sup></td> <td>Heavy Battery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>110<sup>th</sup></td> <td>" "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23<sup>rd</sup></td> <td>Siege "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30<sup>th</sup></td> <td>" "</td> </tr> </table> <p>allotted as Anza Corps Heavy Artillery</p> <p>Four ammunition lorries, containing a total of 320 complete rounds for 109 &amp; 110 Heavy Batteries RGA taken over from 35<sup>th</sup> D. A. S. P.</p> <p>Lorries temporarily accommodated at Head Quarters pending formation of Corps Heavy Artillery Sub-Park</p> <p>A quiet day, clear and fine.</p>	109 <sup>th</sup>	Heavy Battery	110 <sup>th</sup>	" "	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Siege "	30 <sup>th</sup>	" "	
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BAC SIMAUR	April 21 <sup>st</sup>		<p>Fine and clear, much aerial activity. A field artillery battery near ROUGE DE BOUT (936, Sheet 36 N.W.) was fairly heavily shelled. <del>to which</del></p>	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		<p>Stormy and overcast, no activity</p> <p>118<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery, which had been to date on ANZAC front, withdrawn from line by XI Corps.</p>	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		<p>½ 30<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery allotted XI Corps for tactical purposes</p> <p>½ 66<sup>th</sup> " " " ANZA " " "</p> <p>½ 23<sup>rd</sup> " " " lent XI<sup>th</sup> Corps by ANZA Corps.</p> <p>Co-operation with II Corps Heavy Artillery on left temporarily arranged</p> <p>Fine and clear day with much aerial activity. Two hostile batteries engaged in afternoon in co-operation with R.F.A.</p>	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Fine and clear, two hostile Batteries engaged. Hostile aeroplane seen to be shot down by our A.A. guns North of ARMENTIÈRES</p>	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>No 562 Coy. ASC joined as Head Quarter Coy. and commenced to form Sub. Park and establish workshops.</p> <p>Fine and clear morning and evening, slight mist in afternoon interfered</p>	
				<p>2449 Wt. W14957/M90 750,000 1/16 J.B.C. &amp; A. Forms/C.2118/12. With shoot we were carrying out with aeroplane observation.</p>



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BAC ST MAUR	April 26 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Trucks of 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Heavy Batteries handed over to Sub. Park by Ad Qrs.</p> <p>12 noon 30<sup>th</sup> Siege Battery (8" Hows.) fired 10 rounds at 'DISTILLERIE' (I27-Sheet 36 N.W) with aeroplane observation. 7 hits obtained</p> <p>2.30 pm A blue and white parachute was observed drifting S. This fell near LAVENTIE CHURCH.</p> <p>A fine day, a number of hostile batteries engaged.</p>	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		<p>A very quiet day, fine. Hostile aeroplanes active</p> <p>Advanced parties 137 &amp; 139 Heavy Batteries joined and sent to 109 and 110 Heavy Batteries for instruction.</p>	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Captain W. HEDLEY from N. RIDING Hy. Bty and LT. F. B. HUTTON from Base joined 109<sup>th</sup> Heavy Battery R.G.A</p> <p>Counter-battery work with aeroplane observation, fine and clear.</p>	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		<p>All concerned Satisfactory counter battery work carried out with aeroplane observation.</p>	



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BAC ST MAUR	30 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<p>Stood by in early morning for gas attack on 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps front as reported by deserters          No effects felt from gas &amp; no firing from <del>the</del> Angae Heavy Artillery asked for by II Corps.          An old Battery position (H 11 d. Sheet 36 N.W) partly heavily shelled by 4.2" and 5.9" Howitzers          Flashes seen and enemy batteries engaged</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>William Capra</u>          Major Angae Heavy Artillery</p> <p>2          5          16.</p>	