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HEILLY	1916 Nov: 1		<p>Observation fair.</p> <p>Enemy shelled FLEERS, GUEUDEECOURT and the vicinity of DELVILLE WOOD: also SWITCH TRENCH, apparently owing to continued movement of troops in this area.</p> <p>Bombardment of hostile trenches was continued.</p> <p>No aeroplane work was possible.</p> <p>Personnel of 158th S. Battery relieved that of 21st Siege Battery.</p> <p>Orders issued in connexion with minor operation to be carried out on 3rd inst. (Artillery ^{Orders} Instructions N^o 37.)</p>	3

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HEILLY	1916 Nov: 2		<p>Observation bad, except between 2 pm and 4 pm.</p> <p>Hostile fire somewhat less than usual: FLERS, GUEUDECOURT and DELVILLE VALLEY were shelled intermittently, - the first heavily between 1 and 1.15 pm.</p> <p>The bombardment was continued, and normal firing on approaches etc carried out: the dump in N 1 a and the road in N 13 a were specially dealt with by 4.5" hows.</p> <p>Very little aeroplane work could be done, and there were no prearranged shoots, as thick clouds prevented observation.</p> <p>Relief of 8th A.-A. Battery by 21st A.-A. Battery completed.</p> <p>Amendment issued to Artillery Orders No 37.</p>	<p>(4)</p>

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HEILLY	Nov: 3		<p>Observation generally good.</p> <p>Hostile artillery fairly active: the O.P.'s about SWITCH TRENCH were again shelled owing to movement of troops. Between 4 and 4.30 pm there was heavy shelling of our trenches N. of GUEUDECOURT.</p> <p>At 2.30 pm a battery of 15 cm hows shelling T1 c was seen by an F.O.O. of 97th S. Bty: it was successfully engaged and silenced for the remainder of the day.</p> <p>Three pear-shaped shoots with aeroplanes were attempted without success: but a satisfactory shoot was carried out on a new target at H 33 c 34.</p>	

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HEILLY	Nov: 4		<p>Observation poor.</p> <p>Hostile fire not heavy. Some shelling of SWITCH TRENCH, when infantry exposed themselves on the crest. Between 11 and 12 in the morning a 21 cm how was shelling GUEUDECOURT. It could not be located.</p> <p>Slow bombardment of hostile trenches was continued. THILLOY, LIGNY-THILLOY and LE BARQUE were dealt with by 12" hows and 6" guns.</p> <p>At 3 pm a large working party at N 8 a 75.25 - 75.50 was engaged and dispersed by 12" D.A.G.</p> <p>Bad weather prevented aeroplane work.</p> <p>Amendment No 2 to Artillery Orders No 37 issued.</p>	

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HEILLY	1916 Nov. 5		<p>Beginning at 9.10 am our fire was directed in accordance with Artillery Orders N° 37 and amendments thereto, and continued throughout most of the day according to the situation. An I.O.O. observing from a forward position at M 24 a 56 reports that rate laid down for our barrage was too fast for the infantry. The hostile infantry were lying in their trench awaiting the attack when our infantry were only 15 yds from their own trenches. At the same time all known hostile batteries were systematically neutralized by our H.A. Fire at first was intense, after which it was deliberate until hostile fire began to slacken at 10.30. By 10.45 hostile fire was normal.</p> <p>At 11.10 am 8 hostile batteries likely to be firing on XIV Corps front were neutralized for 1 hour in order to assist XIV Corps operation.</p> <p>At 12.30 pm enemy again barraged trenches near EAVCOURT and LE SARS.</p>	<p>3 - 5</p>

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HEILLY	1916 Nov: 5 cont.		<p>III Corps asked for help, and 13 batteries were engaged by this Corps.</p> <p>Between 4 and 6 pm a special bombardment of trenches in N. 20 d was carried out in accordance with Artillery Order 38 by H.A., but the assault did not take place.</p> <p>Orders issued for this bombardment to be repeated at half rates between 10 and 11 am on 6th. (Artillery Order N^o 39).</p>	<p>(6)</p> <p>(7)</p>

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HEILLY	1916 Nov: 6		<p>Observation post.</p> <p>Hostile fire normal: intermittent shelling of FLERS and SWITCH TRENCH.</p> <p>At 2 pm a special bombardment of the front line trenches was carried out by 30th D.A.G. under Divisional arrangements. Enemy retaliated slightly on our Support line.</p> <p>Several working parties were dispersed: and the dump in N 1 a was shelled by 12th D.A.G.</p> <p>One successful prearranged shoot with aeroplane was carried out: four others were attempted, but were unsuccessful owing to clouds and rain.</p> <p>Bombardment was carried out in accordance with A.O. 39 at 10 am, but no assault took place.</p> <p>From 5 pm to day to 6 am 8th the QUARRY - BAZENTIN road is closed to all wheeled traffic.</p> <p>Orders issued at 11 am reducing rates of fire of H.A. by one half (R.A. 260)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">⑦</p> <p style="text-align: right;">⑧</p>

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HEILLY	Nov: 7		<p>Heavy rain most of the day: observation very bad.</p> <p>Hostile fire was below normal: slight shelling of the usual areas.</p> <p>A working party at N 2 to 00.57 was dispersed by 12" D. A. G.</p> <p>Aeroplane work was impossible.</p> <p>BERNAFAY CORNER - LONGUEVAL - BAZENTIN road close to being traffic free 6 am for 24 hours.</p> <p>12" Gun of 53rd Siege Battery left this Corps and proceeded to Base.</p>	

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HEILLY	Nov. 8		<p>Observation good.</p> <p>Hostile fire below normal: such shelling as there was was mainly directed on back areas. At 5.40 pm and again at 9.40 pm the trenches N. and W. of QUEUDECOURT were fairly heavily shelled for about 20 minutes on each occasion.</p> <p>One moderately successful shoot with aeroplane was carried out: other attempts were frustrated by low clouds.</p> <p>Two explosions were caused in a battery at H 34 a 41.</p> <p>Orders issued for two special bombardments of front trenches by Heavy Artillery on 9th.</p> <p>CARNOY - MONTAUBAN road is now closed to all traffic between 6 am and 10 am daily.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 30px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;">9</div>

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HEILLY	Nov: 9		<p>Observation good.</p> <p>Hostile fire above normal: front trenches and batteries about FLERS and in DELVILLE VALLEY were shelled persistently throughout the day. Most of the fire came from RIENCOURT and BAPAUME.</p> <p>A special bombardment lasting 9 minutes was carried out by 12th D.C.G. at 7 pm. Otherwise our fire was normal.</p> <p>Hostile aeroplanes were exceptionally active: 57 were reported up.</p>	

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HEILLY	Nov. 10 1916	9 a.m. to 11 a.m.	<p><u>Our fire</u> Normal. 15 ANZAC H.A. carried out special bombardment on NEW QUADRANT TRENCH running from M18C9.4 to M18C83.20, GIRD TRENCH, BANK TRENCH, GIRD SUPPORT OAT LANE, WHEAT TRENCH BAYONET TRENCH, BARLEY TRENCH, BITETRENCH and Sunken Roads at N15 d.</p> <p>The 10" hows shelled strong point in LIGNY THILLOY, the 9.2" gun shelled ACHIET LE GRAND Station and the 6" MK VII, H21 d 83, M12 d 6.1, M1. a 6.6, N1C2.3 and M12 d 3.</p> <p><u>Hostile fire</u> Below Normal, hardly any reply to H.A. bombardment from 9 a.m till 11 a.m. Intermittent shelling during day about M. 36 and M. 30 also at intervals from 12.15 P.M. to 3.30 P.M. about S 5 d. and S 5 c.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> Hostile machines again very active, ^{especially} at night about our back areas machine gun fire being employed about on troops below. One machine brought down at 11.50 a.m. N.E. of GUEDECOURT. by A.A. gun fire.</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 11..		<p>Observation bad</p> <p><u>Enemy Shelling</u>, below normal, at intervals during day. M 36 a, b, and c were shelled, and T1 was shelled with 15 cm from 8.40 to 8.55, and again from 10.15 to 10.20 a.m. FRICOURT cross roads were shelled during night by H.V. gun.</p> <p><u>Our Activity</u></p> <p>Normal. The 6" MK VII gun shelled M11 67.4, VIC 6.1, M7 10.85. BAYONET, HILT and BARLEY trenches, and tracks and roads were also shelled by us during the day.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u></p> <p>Hostile aeroplanes were fairly active during morning about ten machines were reported over our lines.</p> <p>Artillery Instructions issued for bombardments of Enemy trenches on Corps Front →</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 12.		<p>Observation bad.</p> <p><u>Our Activity</u> Normal, usual shelling was carried out during day. Amzac H.A report satisfactory shooting, a dump of flour was blown up at the junction of BITE and BAYONET TRENCHES.</p> <p><u>Hostile Shelling</u>, rather <u>less</u> than usual, chiefly in front sector, and GUEUDECOURT and FLERS. N19B, N20C and our trenches being shelled intermittently throughout the day.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> Only one aeroplane reported over our lines during the day.</p> <p><u>General</u> BAPAUME Church Tower was brought down by H.A during in the morning.</p> <p>Artillery Order ^{issued} for Chinese attack for purposes of deceiving enemy. →</p>	(11)

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HEILLY	NOV 13		<p><u>Observation</u>, bad, very foggy.</p> <p><u>Own Activity</u>. 15th AIVZAC H.A. carried out special bombardment on BAKONET TRENCH, BARLEY TRENCH, NEW TRENCH, OAT LANE, LIMETRENCH, BANK TRENCH, and BUNK ROAD in N 130 45.55. The following points were shelled by the 6th MKVII 5th Siege Battery, I 20 C 9.8. H 28 a 15.45, H 27 a 6.1. H 25 b 7.4. H 28 a 50.45, H 19 a 45.70, H 19 b 39.35. The Counter Battery Group carried out a feint bombardment at 3.45 am to assist operations of Left Corps. At 5.45 am in co-operation with 5th Army attack, a barrage was placed along the whole front of the 12th D.F. Group, lasting 40 minutes. 30th D.F. Group carried out O.O. No 3 at 5.45 a.m.</p> <p><u>Hostile Activity</u>. Below normal. The Retaliation for bombardments at 5.45 a.m. being very slight. A few rounds were put round FLEERS, and DELVILLE VALLEY. Most of the shelling in DELVILLE VALLEY has been air bursts of 77mm guns and practically no percussion bursts which is most unusual.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u>. No No Hostile aircraft Reported over our lines all day.</p> <p>Artillery order issued for 2nd Australian Division Resuming attack on enemy trenches on its left on 14th inst.</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 14		<p><u>Observation, good.</u></p> <p><u>Our Activity.</u> 1st Army H.A. shelled BARLEY TRENCH, BANK TRENCH, and SAUCOT CATLANE, LIMETRENCH, WHEAT TRENCH, and SUNKEN ROADS in N 21 60.55, N 10 7, and N 14 64.78. The 12" hows shelled many strong points. also Strong points were also shelled by 6" MK VII. Twelve rounds were also fired at a fallen aeroplane in H 31 6.3. O.O. No 4 was carried out by 30th D.A. Group and usual trenches on the front were bombarded, a dump of Venz's lights was blown up in STORMY TRENCH. Ground south of LE BARQUE was searched from 10.30 P.M. onwards, to catch reported relief. Barrages ^{arranged} were carried out by 12th D.A. Group to support infantry attack, and covering fire was kept up day and night to protect new line held. Counter battery group kept up neutralizing fire on all batteries on front during 4th Army bombardment.</p> <p><u>Hostile Activity</u></p> <p>Above normal, frequent barrages being put up on our trenches especially those near EAUCOURT LABAYE. Battery positions were shelled throughout day in S 6 S 6 and M 30 7, also FACTORY CORNER, LE BARAS and S 5 7 DELVILLE VALLEY and longueval LONGUEVAL were also ^{heavily} shelled by all calibres. Most of hostile fire seemed to come from BAPRUME and the East.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u></p> <p>Enemy aircraft were very active flying very low over our lines and using machine guns. one machine dropped two blue and two red clusters, enemy opened fire on this place shortly after. Two hostile machines were seen to fall, one in flames.</p> <p><u>Artillery</u> ^{issued} Instructions relating to re-arrangement of Artillery covering Corps front</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 15.		<p><u>Observation</u> bad</p> <p><u>Our Activity</u>. Normal, usual trenches and tracks shelled during day + night, The 10th D. A. Group replied to Hostile barrages at 12.58 a.m., 2.15 a.m., and 5. a.m. A barrage was also opened at 4 a.m. at the request of the infantry as an attack was expected. The Sunken Roads emerging from village of LEBARQUE were searched with Charnel at 1.45 a.m. as enemy were reported to be massing S of LEBARQUE.</p> <p><u>Hostile fire</u> Below normal, except on DELVILLE VALLEY. at FLERS was shelled with gas shells in the morning. S. 22 was shelled by an H.V. gun from the direction of LETRANSLOY, this gun was exceptionally active on back areas. Two barrages were opened on 12. D. A. Group front but no attack was launched.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> Hostile activity much below normal, no enemy machines being reported over our lines.</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 16.		<p><u>Observation fair.</u></p> <p><u>Our Activity.</u> Usual trenches, and sunken roads in M157, were shelled throughout day by 1" AMZAC H.A., the 102" hows and 6" MIVII guns shelled LE BARQUE and HOWEY LIGNY-THILLOY and approaches to these places. Usual shelling was carried out by both D.A. groups. Four pie arranged shoots were carried out by Counter Battery Group with R.F.C.</p> <p><u>Hostile Activity.</u> Above normal. GUEUDECOURT and FLERS were shelled during the day, and our trenches were rather heavily bombarded in several places. A very light store in M36 was shelled by 15 cm how. The shelling round FLERS was done with 102 21 cm hows.</p> <p><u>Aircraft.</u> Hostile aircraft were very active, many flying very low, as many as nine having been seen over our trenches at one time. Three were seen to be brought down.</p>	
			<p>Artillery Instruction issued re tactical command of Artillery covering Right Division →</p>	(14)

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HEILLY	NOV 17 th		<p><u>Observation good</u></p> <p><u>Our activity.</u> normal. usual shelling of roads and tracks throughout night + day 1st A.N.Z.A.C.H.A. shelled usual trenches, and sunken roads, and the 12" hows and 6" M.V. guns shelled LEBARQUE, LIGNY-THILLOY, BAPAYME, and the approaches to these places Six very good airplane shoots were carried out, several explosions being caused</p> <p><u>Enemy activity.</u> normal. our front was shelled at various points during the morning During the early morning a H.V. gun of large calibre (probably 24 cm) firing from French area shelled ALBERT. FLEERS was shelled during afternoon.</p> <p><u>Hostile aircraft</u> Enemy aeroplanes were very active over our lines, the railway in S. 11 being a special object of their attention. A British plane was observed on the ground, close to the road in H. 31 D with a large party of the enemy round it, our heavy artillery opened fire dispersing the crowd, and smashing the machine.</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 18.		<p>Observation poor</p> <p><u>Gun Activity</u>. 1st ANZAC HA shelled OAT LANE, NEW TRENCH, BARLEY TRENCH and WHEAT TRENCH. The 6" MK VII guns shelled the approaches to LIONY THILLY and HAPLING COURT. A barrage was opened at 6.20 a.m. by 1st D.A. group also at 7.30 P.M. usual communications and approaches engaged day + night. Sunken roads SUNKEN ROAD in N20 d and roads in N14 a + c and N13 b + d were shelled by 2nd D.A. Group.</p> <p><u>Hostile shelling</u>. Below normal. only one case of shelling was reported during day. M29 and 30 by 10.5 cm how. FLERS was shelled with gas shells during night.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u>. No hostile activity reported.</p>	
			<p>Relief of 1st Australian Div Artillery by 5th Aust Div Arty and of 30th Div Arty by 1st Aust Div Arty completed. Command of Right D.A. group taken over by Brig Gen John Brig. Gen. G. J. JOHNSTON</p> <p>Artillery Instructions issued with reference to re-adjustment of tactical boundaries of 1st ANZAC</p> <p>Artillery Instructions issued with reference to handing over guns of 14th Corps etc. —</p>	<p>→ (16)</p> <p>→ (15)</p>

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HEILLY	NOV 19.		<p>Observation bad.</p> <p><u>Gnr Activity</u> normal. 1" ANZAC HA shelled STORMY TRENCH, OATLANE, WHEATLANE TRENCH, BARLEY TRENCH and some points on road to LIGNY THILLOP. 6" MKV II shelled approaches to LIGNY THILLOP.</p> <p>In response to infantry request 2" DA group shelled enemy front line at 11.40 a.m. and 5.30 P.M.; the usual roads and tracks were kept under fire day and night. Barrage were opened at 2.20 P.M. and at 6.40 P.M. in reply to hostile shelling, by 12" DA group. Throughout day special attention was paid to BARONETT TRENCH. A 4.5" how battery engaged enemy T.M. position at MISC 70.05, and explosion believed to be T.M. bombs was observed.</p> <p><u>Hostile Activity</u> Below-normal. N. 19^{central} and FACTORY CORNER were shelled during morning between 9.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. Barrage was put up about about 500 yds N.E. of FLERS, throughout day GOOSE ALLEY and road from MISC 1.3 to 4.9 were shelled.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> No any aerial activity reported.</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 20		<p>Observation good.</p> <p><u>Our Activity.</u> Normal, 1st ANZAC H.A. shelled usual trenches also FARM in N112, and gun position in N3. The 6" M15 VII shelled certain points on road leading to LIGNYTHILLOK and BAPAUME, one successful shoot was carried out by counter battery group. A barrage was opened on left of 12th D.A. group at 4.40 P.M.</p> <p><u>Hostile Activity.</u> Above normal, most of the shelling came from the East. M36 bus shelled heavily throughout the day more especially in the evening. M24a, FLEERS, M30.C, and FACTORY CORNER were also shelled at intervals throughout the day.</p> <p><u>General.</u> The church at DIEFVILLERS reported to be flying red cross flag, signalling has also been reported from here.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> Hostile aeroplanes fairly active over our line throughout day.</p> <p>Memo issued with reference to reconstruction of 1st ANZAC H.A.</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(17)</p>

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HEILLY	NOV 21		<p>Observation bad</p> <p>Our Activity. Normal. 15" ANZAC HA shelled OATLANE, WHEAT TRENCH, NEW TRENCH in N27b, and BARLEY TRENCH. The 12" guns and 6" MK VII guns shelled BAPAUME and the approaches to BAPAUME and GREVILLERS, owing to dense fog no counter battery work was carried out. The 2nd Australian D.A. group shelled usual roads and trenches throughout day + night. Usual shelling also carried out by 12" D.A. group, special attention being paid to strong points reported at N13055, and to road in front of LETBARQUE, bursts of fire at short intervals were kept up on enemy approaches + communications during night in hopes of catching reported enemy relief.</p> <p>Hostile Activity. Below normal. Infantry relief west of FLERS were shelled by guns of all calibres on evening of 20th. FLERS shelled intermittently throughout day.</p> <p>Aircraft. No hostile activity reported.</p>	
			<p>4th Australian D.A. arrived in corps area, arrival reported by Bug Sen ROSENTHAL, battery commander and liaison sent up to study position.</p> <p>Addendum to instructions for the artillery relief issued.</p>	(18)

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HEILLY	NOV 22 nd		<p>Observation, bad during morning, but fair in afternoon</p> <p><u>Our Activity.</u> Usual trenches shelled by 1" ANZAC H.A., several direct hits were observed on STORMY TRENCH and NEW TRENCHES, approaches to BAPRUME and RIENCOURT were shelled by 6" MK VII guns. Usual shelling carried out by 2" D.A. group roads and tracks in rear of enemy lines being searched and swept throughout night, also 12" D.A. group, a barrage was opened in response to S.O.S signal and kept up for 20 minutes</p> <p><u>Hostile Activity.</u> ^{above} Normal, our support lines and back area received usual amount of shelling, trenches about N 20 C were heavily shelled for about twenty minutes, at 7. P.M. 7. P.M. GUEUDECOURT was shelled by heavy artillery between 2 P.M. + 3 P.M., a barrage was put up on front line in Right sector between 7.30 P.M. and 8. P.M., also on our left sector at 1. a.m.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> Active during afternoon, one of our planes and two hostile planes brought down, down</p> <p>3 Brigades + 3 sections D.A.C. of 4th Aust Div Art moved from BISSY + BONNAY to K. area and 1 Brigade and 1 section D.A.C. left for T. area (N.AOURS)</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEILLY	NOV 23 rd		<p><u>Observation</u> good.</p> <p><u>Own Activity.</u> Usual trenches shelled by 1st ANZAC H.A. and gun position in H32a H32a. The 12" hows shelled THILLOK with good effect, the 12" guns shelled approaches to BAPAUME and 6" M11 VII guns shelled gun various gun positions. Fine destructive shoots were carried out by counter battery group with aeroplanes with good effect, also one short short carried out by with K.B.S.7 ^{m N200}. Three large explosions were caused during these shoots. The enemy trenches were shelled with gas shells, usual divisional artillery barrages maintained and roads and tracks in rear of enemy lines were searched & swept.</p> <p><u>Hostile Activity.</u> Normal, front line trenches being heavily shelled at times, an increased activity of H.V. gun long range guns was noticed, MONTAUBAN and MEUVILLE SIDING ^{line} shelled during morning.</p> <p><u>Aircraft.</u> Hostile aircraft reported very active.</p> <p>1 sec per battery, + 3 brigades + D.A.C. 4th Aust Div Art moved from K'area to present night sector relieving cor corresponding sections of 2nd Aust Div Art, which moved from present night sector to new night sector relieving corresponding sections 20th D.A.</p> <p>The Corps assumed tactical command of 3rd H.A.G.</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 24		<p><u>Observation</u> bad</p> <p><u>Our activity</u>. 1st ANZAC H-A shelled LUISBENTRENCH, extension of STORMYTRENCH in N1219 and N205, and ground in N206. In order to stop work being done on this trench, the 6" MKVII guns shelled FREMICOURT. Usual trenches & cross roads shelled by 18 pm.</p> <p><u>Hostile activity</u>. Moderate, GUEUDE COURT was shelled intermittently throughout day with 13 cm shells; FLERS and EAUCOURT ^{L'ABBAYE} LABREKE were also shelled.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u>. Hostile aircraft reported active at times using using machine guns at infantry in trenches.</p> <p><u>General</u>. Infantry report that M.C. at N210 10.35 located on 23rd to have been effectively shelled by our artillery.</p> <p>Relief of 2nd Aust Div Arty by 4th Div Arty reported complete.</p> <p>3 Brigades + D.A.C. 12th D.A. moved from wagon lines to "K" area. Position 1 section per battery 3 Bobs and D.A.C. 4th D.A. moved from "K" area to present right sector 1 sec per battery 3 Bobs + D.A.C. 2nd Aust Div. Art from present right sector to new Right sector, and 1 sec per battery 3 Bobs and D.A.C. 5th Aust Div Arty from present right left sector to new Right sector.</p>	

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HEILLY.	NOV 25.		<p>Observation bad</p> <p>Our activity, 1st ANZAC HA shelled LUISEN TRENCH and STORMY TRENCH and extensions of these trenches in N14C, N20B and N21B. They have shelled LIGNY THILLOY and LEBARQUE. usual barrages were kept up by Divisional Artillery groups day + night.</p> <p>Hostile Activity. Below normal. MACHINE GUN COTTAGE in FLEAS was shelled also DELVILLE WOOD was shelled by 15cm how. T1d was shelled intermittently with salvos of 15cm.</p> <p>Aircraft. Three hostile machines reported over our line during afternoon.</p> <p>3 Bobs and D.A.C. 12th Div Art, moved from K area to VILLERS BOCCAGE + TALMAS.</p> <p>1st Bob + 1 sec D.A.C. of 15th Aust Div Art. } 1 Bob + 1 sec D.A.C. of 2nd Aust Div Art. } from line to K area 1 Bob + 1 sec D.A.C. of 5th Aust Div Art. }</p> <p>1 sec per battery 3 bobs and D.A.C. 5th Aust Div Art. present left sector to new night sector.</p> <p>Artillery Instructions issued with reference to counter battery areas allotted to 1st ANZAC HA → (20)</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HEILLY	NOV	26.	<p><u>Observation</u> bad</p> <p><u>Our activity</u> Below normal. 1st A.N.Z.A.C. H.A. shelled the extensions of LUISENI and STORMY TRENCHES. Usual trenches shelled by 18 pps. and new trench from N21740.85 to N21622 engaged during night with rapid bursts of fire. Necessary registration, owing to regrouping was completed.</p> <p><u>Hostile activity</u> Below normal, FLEETS received usual shelling; road in S. 4. b. was shelled by 10.5 cm hows. S18 central and S17a were shelled with gas shells. Hostile aircraft reported very active over our battery positions during afternoon.</p> <p>C.R.A. 2nd Aust Div taken over from C.R.A. 20th D.A.</p> <p>Artillery Instructions issued with reference to Supplementary Instructions to 4th Army Order ^{NO 379(G)} (19)</p> <p>1 Bde and 1 sec D.A.C., 1st Aust Div Art } 1 Bde + 1 sec D.A.C., 2nd Aust Div Art } moved from K: area to BUSSY + BONNAY 1 Bde + 1 sec D.A.C. 5th Aust Div Art }</p> <p>29th D.A. moved from wagon lines to camp at E28 XIV Corps Area</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 28 th		<p><u>Observation post</u></p> <p><u>Our Activity</u>, 15^{cm} A.N. 2 A.C. H.A., heavy + medium hows and 60 pdr. guns brought rapid bursts of fire to bear on tracks in N15d, N21b, N22a + b and cross roads and villages in rear in hopes of catching reported reliefs, usual sunken roads and trenches were shelled during day. The D.A. groups kept up usual night barrages and usual shelling carried ^{out} during day.</p> <p><u>Hostile Activity</u>, Below normal, trenches west of GUEUDECOURT were shelled by 15 cm hows during day, intermittent shelling carried out on M 36, and S. 6 and a 5-minute bombardment of GREASE TRENCH at 3:45 P.M., a heavy barrage was put up at GUEUDECOURT for 45 minutes at 4:15 P.M.</p> <p><u>Aircraft</u> no aircraft activity reported.</p>	

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HEILLY	NOV 29		<p>Observation. bad.</p> <p>Our Activity. 1st A.M. 2. A.C.H.F. shelled usual trenches. The 12" how and 6" M.H.V.II guns shelled enemy roads + dumps etc in the vicinity of DAPAUME + THILLOY. The usual shelling was carried out by D.A. groups, the SUNKENROAD to LUISENHOF farm was enfiladed by our FLERS battery during afternoon.</p> <p>Hostile Fire Below normal, M.I.C + D were shelled slightly from the direction of BANCOURT. At about 6 P.M. a heavy barrage of 15 cm shrapnel + H.E. was placed on left of Right. D.A. Group for a few minutes, during day a few shells fell in our support trenches near GUEUDECOURT. Battery positions at T. 7a were intermittently shelled during day.</p> <p>Hostile aircraft reported inactive.</p> <p>Artillery Instructions with further reference to "Fourth Army Instructions to the Artillery" issued</p> <p>Artillery Instructions also issued with reference to improving the accuracy of the shooting of Batteries and to test + train observers</p>	<p>(22)</p> <p>(23)</p>

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HEILLY	NOV 30.		<p><u>Observation bad.</u> <u>Gun Activity.</u> The A.M. 2 A.C.H.A during the day shelled BARLEY, METOR and BRIMSTONE TRENCHES, XIV Corps co-operating. The 6" MK VII gun shelled BEAULENCOURT + tracks and approaches to it. Usual work carried out by D.A Groups, negotiations were carried out when observation was possible, a suspected O.P. at N17 b. 50 was shelled by Left D.A. Group. <u>Hostile Activity.</u> Hostile artillery was very quiet during last 24 hours. S. 17 was shelled by H.V. 15 cm, we replied by shelling AVE SNES, LIGNY THILLOY, THILLOY and BAPAUME, the latter with gas shell. Between 1.50 P.M. and 2.20 P.M. fairly heavy barrage was put up on GVEUDECOURT. Battery positions and N.VV. of FLERS were shelled for an hour during afternoon. Aircraft. No hostile aircraft reported.</p>	

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DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
Nov. 25th & night 25th/ 26th.	3 Bdes. and D.A.C. 12th Div. Art. 1 Bde. and 1 Sec. D.A.C.) 1st. Aust. Div. Art.) 1 Bde. and 1 Sec. D.A.C.) 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.) 1 Bde. and 1 Sec. D.A.C.) 5th. Aust. Div. Art.) 1 Sec. per battery. 3 Bdes. and D.A.C. 5th. Aust. Div. Art.	"K" Area. Line Present left Sector	VILLERS BOCAGE & TALMAS. "K" Area. New right Sector	These Bdes. must get their guns out of position in time to do this move, and will go out with echelons empty. Relieve corresponding sections 4th. Aust To be completed by 8 a.m. (Div. Art. 26th.
26th.	1 Bde. and 1 Sec. D.A.C.) 1st. Aust. Div. Art.) 1 Bde and 1 Sec. D.A.C.) 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.) 1 Bde and 1 Sec. D.A.C.) 5th Aust. Div. Art.) 29th Divl Artillery.	"K" Area Wagon Lines.	BUSSY & BONNAY Camps at E.28. XIV Corps Area	
27th.	1 Bde and 1 Sec. D.A.C. 1st. Aust. Div. Art. 1 Bde and 1 Sec. D.A.C. 2nd. Aust. Div. Art. 1 Bde. and 1 Sec. D.A.C. 5th Aust. Div. Art.	BUSSY & BONNAY DO DO DO DO	HAVERNAS))) NAOURS))) WAGHIES))	Route via QUERRIEU - ST. GRATIEN - MOLLINS - VILLERS BOCAGE.

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4 D.A. arrived in Corps reported by Brig Gen. Rowland. B. B. + Lincolns sent off to study new positions

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TABLE OF MOVES TO ACCOMPANY CORRIGENDUM TO 1st. ANZAC CORPS ORDER NO. 71.

DATE.	UNIT.	FROM	TO	REMARKS.
Nov. 22nd.	3 Bdes. and 3 Secs. D.A.C. 4th Aust. Div. Art.	BUSSY & BONNAY	"K" Area.	One Bde. and 1 Sec. D.A.C. has left for "T" Area, (NAOURS)
23rd & night 23rd/ 24th.	1 Sec. per battery. 3 Bdes. and D.A.C. 4th. Aust. Div. Art. 1 Sec. per battery 3 Bdes. and D.A.C. 2nd. Aust. Div. Art.	2 "K" Area Present right Sector.	Present right Sector. New right Sector.	Relieve corresponding Sections of 2nd. Aust. Div. Art. Relieve corresponding Sections of 20th. Div. Art.
24th & night 24th/ 25th.	3 Bdes. and D.A.C. 12th. Div. Art. 1 Sec. per battery. 3 Bdes. and D.A.C. 4th. Aust. Div. Art. 1 Sec. per battery. 3 Bdes. and D.A.C. 2nd. Aust. Div. Art. 1 Sec. per battery. 3 Bdes. and D.A.C. 5th. Aust. Div. Art.	Wagon Lines. "K" Area. Present right Sector Present left Sector.	"K" Area. Present right Sector. New right Sector. New right Sector.	Not to reach "K" Area before noon To be clear of "K" Area by noon. Relieve corresponding Sections of 2nd. Aust. Div. Art. Relieve corresponding Sections of 20th Div. Art. Relieve corresponding Sections of 4th Aust. Div. Art.

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HEAVY ARTILLERY TAKEN OVER FROM XV CORPS.

Group	Battery			Position
<u>3rd H.A.G.</u>	H.Q.			S 21 b 48
	42 Siege	4	9.2"	S 10 c 14.40
	78 Siege	4	8"	S 10 c 90.29
	2 Siege	4	6" (30 cwt)	S 17 a 16.75
	118 Siege	4	9.2"	S 17 a 99.92
	135 Siege	4	8"	S 11 c 15.10
	101 Siege	4	6" (26 cwt)	S 10 d 04.21
<u>14th H.A.G.</u>	H.Q.			A 3 a 77
	21 Siege	4	9.2"	S 11 d 85.70
	120 Siege	4	8"	S 11 d 50.36
	47 Siege	4	8"	S 11 d 29.85
	149 Siege	4	6" (26 cwt)	S 16 b 95.72
	24 Siege	4	6" (26 cwt)	S 18 a 09.00
	126 Siege	4	8"	S 11 d 17.03
<u>21st H.A.G.</u>	H.Q.			S 28 a 30
	34 Siege	4	9.2"	S 17 a 60.98
	51 Siege	4	6" (26 cwt)	S 17 d 08.69
	67 Siege	4	8"	S 10 d 65.13
	88 Siege	4	6" (26 cwt)	S 17 c 68.98
	97 Siege	4	9.2"	S 17 a 50.70
	98 Siege	4	6" (26 cwt)	S 17 b 94.06
	156 Siege	4	8"	S 17 d 15.71
<u>18th H.A.G.</u>	H.Q.			S 16 d 88
	26 Heavy	4	60 pounders	S 10 d 83.48
	116 Heavy	6	60 pounders	S 10 d 59.64
	1/2 Lincs Heavy	4	4.7"	S 12 b 85.28
	118 Heavy	4	4.7"	S 10 d 96.04
	1/1 Kent Heavy	4	4.7"	S 23 a 90.90
<u>62nd H.A.G.</u>	H.Q.			S 17 a 15.10
	125 Heavy	4	60 pounders	S 10 b 25.29
	110 Heavy	6	60 pounders	S 11 d 00.66
	150 Heavy	4	60 pounders	S 11 d 00.90
	1 Can. Heavy	4	60 pounders	S 10 b 78.30
	117 Heavy	6	60 pounders	S 11 c 59.23
<u>69th H.A.G.</u>	H.Q.			F 5 c 27
	44 Siege	2	12" Hows.	S 13 d 28.46
	53 Siege	1	12" Gun	F 4 b 8.3
	58 Siege	4	6" MK VII (R)	S 22 c 01.78
			(")	S 21 d 89.79
			(E)	S 22 c 00.34
			(")	S 21 d 84.41
<u>23rd H.A.G.</u>	Counter Battery Office			VIVIER MILL

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	2nd Australian Division.	12th D.A. Group.
	30th D.A. Group.	1st Anzac.

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There will be two special bombardments by the Heavy Artillery to-morrow 9th instant at times to be arranged by them with Divisions. AAA Each bombardment to last 2 hours and as many howitzer batteries as are available to be employed AAA The bombardment on the left to include GIRD and GIRD SUPPORT trenches in M.18.c. and the new trenches which have been lately dug there AAA BANK TRENCH and BAYONET TRENCH as far as the sunken road in N.13.d. AAA The bombardment on the right to include HILT TRENCH as far as N.20.a.72, LARD TRENCH and especially the sunken road and the trench in front of it on the right flank as far as it is held by the enemy, also BACON TRENCH. AAA Every possible kind of observation should be employed in the bombardments to make sure of getting the best effect and Officers will be posted at points from which they can see the whole area. AAA These Officers will stop the firing immediately an abnormal round takes place. AAA Rates of fire 20 rounds per gun per hour for heavy howitzers 30 rounds per gun per hour for medium howitzers. AAA Acknowledge. Addressed Heavy Artillery 1st Anzac. Repeated 1st and 2nd Australian Divisions 12 and 30th D.A. Groups and 1st Anzac.

From	Artillery 1st Anzac.	
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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 43

by

G.O.C.R.A., 1st ANZAC.

S. 1191

15th November 1916.

1. Reference 1st Anzac Corps Order No.66 relating to reliefs of Divisional Artilleries, the Artillery covering the Corps Front will be re-arranged as follows:-

Right Division (1st Aust.Div.Arty.
(2nd Aust.Div.Arty.
(3 Brigades 29th Div.Arty.

The whole under the tactical command of the C.R.A. 2nd Aust.Div.

Left Division (12th Div.Arty.
(5th Aust.Div.Arty.
(1 Brigade 29th Div.Arty.

The whole under the tactical command of the C.R.A. 12th Div.Arty.

2. The tactical command of the Artillery covering the Right Division will pass from Brigadier General G.H.A.White, D.S.O., C.R.A., 30th Division to Brigadier General G.J.Johnston, C.B., C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division at 8 a.m. on 18th November.

3. *acknowledge.*

R. C. S. G.

Captain R.A.

Staff Officer R.A., 1st ANZAC.

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10	"	5th Aust.D.A.
11	"	29th D.A.
12	"	H.G.R.A. Fourth Army (for information)
13	"	3rd Squad. R.F.C. -do-
14	"	3rd K.B.S. (for information)
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Brig. Gen. G.O.C.
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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 44
by
G.O.C.R.A., 1st ANZAC.

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17th November 1916

1. With reference to Artillery Instructions No. 43,
Para. 2 is cancelled and the following substituted:-

The tactical command of the Artillery covering
the Right Division will pass from Brigadier
General G.H.A.White, D.S.O., C.R.A., 50th Division
to Brigadier General G.J.Johnston, C.B., C.R.A.,
2nd Australian Division at 8 a.m. on November
18th. Brigadier General White, D.S.O. will
however, remain at Right Division Artillery
Headquarters at the disposal of the G.O.C.
Right Division.

2. Acknowledge.

R. A. S.

Captain R.A.

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~~III Corps.~~
~~XIV Corps.~~
~~XV Corps.~~
1st Anzac Corps.
~~4th Brigade R.F.C.~~

17/11/16

ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS.

With reference to ~~Fourth Army~~ No. 299/16 (G)
dated 15th instant.

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Para. 4 (a) and (b).

1. The following modifications to the present organisations of the Artilleries of Corps will be carried out.

2. One Group of Heavy Artillery of the 1st Anzac Corps will be attached to the III Corps, to cover the new front taken over by the III Corps.

Done

3. The Heavy Artillery of the XIV Corps will be attached to the 1st Anzac Corps; the necessary guns and howitzers will continue to cover the front held by the XIV Corps.

Arranged

The B.G. Heavy Artillery, XIV Corps, will remain in Command of his Groups but will work under the orders of the B.G. Heavy Artillery, 1st Anzac Corps.

The G.O.C. XIV Corps will deal direct with the B.G. Heavy Artillery, XIV Corps as regards his own Corps front.

4. Counter-battery organisations and the areas they deal with will remain the same as at
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present. The G.O.C. III Corps will satisfy himself that the night lines and night-firing arrangements of the 30-pounder guns (belonging to 1st Anzac Corps Counter-battery Organisation) which cover his new front, fulfil his requirements.

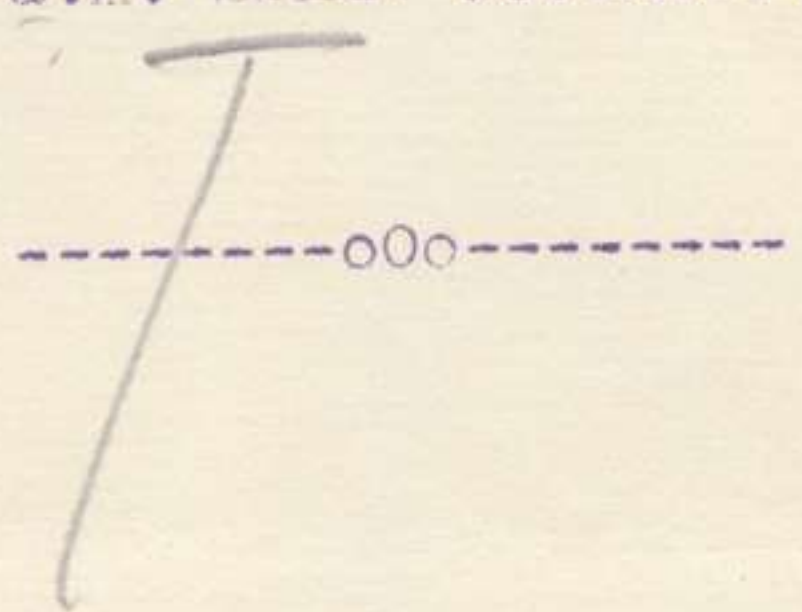
- 5. The Divisional Artillery of the III Corps will be responsible for the Artillery defence of the whole of the III Corps front, as newly constituted.

In hand

Similarly, the Divisional Artilleries of the 1st Anzac Corps will be responsible for the Artillery defence of the whole of the 1st Anzac Corps front, as newly constituted.

Corps will arrange direct to take over such artillery positions as they may require from the units they are relieving, exchanges of guns to be carried out where necessary.

- 6. Arrangements for carrying out the above instructions will be made direct between Corps, and will be completed by 8 a.m. 22nd. November.



*Altered to 24th +
again to 26th GW*

Para. 4 (c) and (d).

7. To meet the requirements of all four Corps, which will be holding the line, the Heavy Artillery of the Fourth Army will be gradually re-distributed.

8. It is intended that on completion of this re-distribution the Heavy Artillery of each Corps will be composed as follows :-

*See 221/76
224/11/16*

Nature.	III Corps.	1st Anzac Corps.	XIV Corps.	XV Corps.	
H.A. Groups.	6	65	5	4*	*Another expected.
4.7" Batteries.	2	2	1	1	
60-pdr. " (4-gun)	2 ₁	2 ₁	3 ₂	3 ₂	
" " (6-gun)	4 ₅	3 ₄	3 ₄	3 ₄	
6" Gun. "	1	1	1	1	
6" How: " (26-c)	6	6	7	6	
6" " " (30-u)	1	1	-	-	
8" " "	4	4	2	4	
9.2 " "	4	3	4	4	
12" " "	1	1	1	1	(Tractor-drawn)
15" Hows.	1	-	1	-	
9.2" Gun.	-	1	-	-	

amended as per 4/AA/361 (23. 11. 16)

9. H.A. Groups, and Heavy and Siege Batteries will be transferred from the III, 1st Anzac, and XIV Corps to the XV Corps as under :-

+ Amended as per 4/Army
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Nature.	III Corps.	1st. Anzac Corps.	XIV Corps,	Total.
H.A. Groups.	1	2	1	4
4.7 Batteries.	-	1	-	1
60-pdr. " (4-gun)	2 1	-	1	3 2
" " (6-gun)	1 2	2	-	3 4
6" Gun. "	1	-	-	1
3" How: " (26-c)	2	-	4	6
8" " "	1	3	-	4
9.2" "	-	2	2	4
12" " "	-	-	1 (Tractor drawn)	1

Heavy Artillery Group Headquarters will be detailed by the Army.

Heavy and Siege Batteries will be detailed by the Corps concerned.

10. Arrangements for the transfer of the above Artillery units will be made direct between Corps. As opportunity offers, the units to be transferred will be withdrawn from the line; by this means the ultimate transfer will be rendered somewhat less dependent upon a long spell of fine weather.

Further instructions will be issued as to dates on which the Heavy, Siege and Divisional Artillery destined for the XV Corps will be required to take up their positions.

11. It is anticipated that during the next few months, the Heavy Artilleries of all four Corps will be more or less

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To be arranged

equalised by the addition of new Howitzer Batteries and
the withdrawal of a few 60-pounder and 4.7 Gun Batteries.

17/11/1916.

W. G. R. A.
M.G. R.A. Fourth Army.
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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 45
by
G.O.C.R.A., 1st ANZAC.

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18th November 1916.

1. The tactical boundaries of the 1st ANZAC are about to be re-adjusted as follows:-

RIGHT BOUNDARY. A line running from the front line trenches at N 34 b 9 9 through N 34 Central to T 3 Central.

LEFT BOUNDARY. The road (inclusive) running from the front line trenches at N 19 b 45 70 to the cross roads at N 19 c 9 1.

The Dividing Line between Divisions is at a point N 21 d 3 6.

2. In consequence the Artillery covering the Corps front will ultimately be distributed as follows:-

RIGHT DIVISION. 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. less 1 Brigade
5th Aust.Div.Arty. less 1 Brigade

Under the tactical control of the C.R.A., 2nd Aust.Div.

LEFT DIVISION. 1st Aust.Div.Arty. less 1 Brigade
4th Aust.Div.Arty. less 1 Brigade

Under the tactical control of the C.R.A., 4th Aust.Div. for the present.

3. In order to meet this new arrangement the following moves and reliefs will take place - probably on or after the 22nd instant:-

4th Aust.Div.Arty. From Reserve Area to line in relief of 2nd Aust.Div.Arty.

2nd Aust.Div.Arty. From present Right Division Area to new Right Division Area.

5th Aust.Div.Arty. From present Left Division Area to new Right Division Area.

1st Aust.Div.Arty. Will not move.

12th Div.Arty. From present Left Division Area to Reserve Area.

29th Div.Arty. Further instructions concerning this Div.Arty. will be issued later.

4. The XIV Corps will leave 72 18-pdrs and 16 4.5" Howitzers in the now area to be taken over by the ANZAC Right Division Artillery.

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5. The 12th Div.Arty. will move out of the line complete with guns and will leave ANZAC with its own guns, except such guns as can be exchanged with III Corps (see para 9).

The 5th Aust.Div.Arty. will move out of the line complete with guns and will hand them over to XIV Corps, taking over guns in position from XIV Corps for 3 Brigades, except such guns as can be exchanged with III Corps (see para 9).

The 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. will take over 3 Brigades in position from XIV Corps and will hand over a corresponding number of guns to *4th Aust. Div. Arty.* The remaining Brigade will go into a Training area, the location of which will be communicated.

6. Thus out of the line there will be,

5th Aust.Div.Arty.	48	18-pdrs	& 12	4.5" Howitzers
4th " "	48	"	12	"
	<u>96</u>	"	<u>24</u>	"
Less handed to XIV Corps	<u>72</u>	"	<u>16</u>	"
	24	"	8	"

This remaining number represents the guns to be taken by the 4th and 5th Aust.Div.Artilleries to Training Area (Artillery T Area).

7. Definite orders as to reliefs will be issued.

8. The 1st Aust.Div.Arty. and 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. will also arrange to relieve a Brigade from the line with guns to proceed to the Training Area (Artillery T Area).

9. Arrangements as to the most suitable positions to evacuate will be made by mutual arrangement between C.A.A.'s concerned. Any positions occupied at present by 5th Aust.Div.Arty. or 12th Div.Arty. that can be taken over by III Corps with an exchange of guns will save unnecessary moving of guns from their positions.

10. 12th Div.Arty. and 5th Aust.Div.Arty. will take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that there shall be no Ammunition left dumped in Gun positions which will be left unused. Disposal should be made of such ammunition as follows:-

- (a) By handing over to convenient Batteries in 1st and 4th Aust.Div.Artilleries.
- (b) By bringing out of line any ammunition remaining in dumps at the time of withdrawal, which cannot be disposed of under (a).
- (c) By careful regulation of rate of fire and of ammunition brought up, Divisional Artillery Commanders will ensure that the amount remaining to be disposed of on withdrawal will be as small as possible.

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11. One Group of Heavy Artillery of the 1st Anzac will be attached to the III Corps to cover the now front taken over by the III Corps.
12. The Heavy Artillery of the XIV Corps will be attached to the 1st Anzac; the necessary guns and howitzers will combine to cover the front held by the XIV Corps.
The Brigadier General, Heavy Artillery, XIV Corps will remain in command of his Groups but will work under the orders of the Brigadier General, Heavy Artillery, 1st Anzac.
The General Officer Commanding, XIV Corps will deal direct with the Brigadier General, Heavy Artillery, XIV Corps as regards his own Corps front.
13. The whole of the above arrangements will be completed by 8 a.m. 23rd November.
14. Acknowledge.

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Captain R.A.

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With reference to Artillery Instructions, Fourth Army No. 4/A.A./361 dated 17th instant.

Para 6 - for 8 a.m. 22nd November read 8 a.m. 24th November.

Please acknowledge.

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ADDENDUM No. 1 to
ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No.45
by
G.O.C.R.A., 1st ANZAC.

19th November 1916.

1. The date mentioned in para 13 will now be 8 a.m. 24th November, and not as therein stated.
2. With reference to the handing over of guns to the XIV Corps, the guns and sights only will be handed over. The guns of the 4th Aust.Div.Arty. will be handed over in "K" area and those of the 5th Aust.Div.Arty. will be handed over in MONTAUBAN. C.R.A's concerned will arrange suitable times direct with 4th and 20th Divisional Artilleries.
3. Acknowledge. ✓

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Your C.R.A. has been informed direct.

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ADDENDUM No. 2 to
ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 45
by
G.O.C.R.A., 1st ANZAC.

21st November 1916.

1. The date mentioned in Para 3 for the completion of the reliefs, has now been changed as follows:-

III Corps will take over responsibility for the Artillery support of the present left sector at 8 a.m. 25th November.

Relief of XIV Corps will not now be complete until 8 a.m. on 26th November.

Table of reliefs is being issued by 1st Anzac.

2. The 5th Aust. Div. Arty. will arrange to hand over not less than 12 18-pdrs and 4 4.5" Howitzers at 8 a.m. on the 25th November.

3. The 2nd Aust. Div. Arty. will retain their present wagon lines. The 4th Aust. Div. Arty. will move into the wagon lines of the 12th Div. Arty.

The 5th Aust. Div. Arty. will retain their present wagon lines. On relief of the 29th Div. Arty. the 4th and 5th Aust. Div. Artilleries may occupy such wagon lines of the 29th Div. Arty. as may be suitable, if required.

4. Acknowledge.

R.C.S.
Captain R.A.
Staff Officer R.A., 1st Anzac.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1st ANZAC ROYAL ARTILLERY.	
No.	H37/12
Date	21.11.16

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Headquarters,
Heavy Artillery, 1st ANZAC.

1. With reference to Fourth Army No.299/16 G dated 15th instant, and Artillery Instructions issued on the subject, the 1st ANZAC Heavy Artillery will, on completion of the redistribution of the Heavy Artillery of the Fourth Army, consist of:-

Heavy Artillery Groups	5
4.7" Batteries	2
60 pdr Batteries	2 (4 gun)
60 pdr Batteries	3 (6 gun)
6" Gun Batteries	1
6" Howitzer Batteries	6 (26 cwt)
6" Howitzer Batteries	1 (30 cwt)
8" Howitzer Batteries	4
9.2" Howitzer Batteries	3
12" Howitzer Batteries	1
9.2" Gun Batteries	1

2. Heavy Artillery Groups and Heavy and Siege Batteries will be transferred from 1st ANZAC to XV Corps as under:-

Heavy Artillery Groups	2
4.7" Batteries	1
60 pdr Batteries	2 (6 gun)
8" Howitzer Batteries	3
9.2" Howitzer Batteries	2

3. Heavy Artillery Group Headquarters will be detailed by the Army.

Heavy and Siege Batteries will be detailed by the Corps concerned.

4. Arrangements for the transfer of the above Artillery units will be made direct between Corps. As opportunity offers the units transferred will be withdrawn from the line; by this means the ultimate transfer will be rendered less dependent upon a long spell of fine weather.

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Further instructions will be issued as to dates on which Heavy and Siege Batteries destined for XV Corps will be required to take up their positions.

Brigadier General.

21-11-1916.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1st ANZAC ROYAL ARTILLERY.
No. 437/12
Date 21. 11. 16

Headquarters,
Heavy Artillery, 1st ANZAC.

1. With reference to Fourth Army No. 299/16 G dated 15th instant, and Artillery Instructions issued on the subject, the 1st ANZAC Heavy Artillery will, on completion of the redistribution of the Heavy Artillery of the Fourth Army, consist of:-

Heavy Artillery Groups	5
4.7" Batteries	2
60 pdr Batteries	2 (4 gun)
60 pdr Batteries	3 (6 gun)
6" Gun Batteries	1
6" Howitzer Batteries	6 (26 cwt)
6" Howitzer Batteries	1 (30 cwt)
8" Howitzer Batteries	4
9.2" Howitzer Batteries	3
12" Howitzer Batteries	1
9.2" Gun XXXXXXXXXX	1

2. Heavy Artillery Groups and Heavy and Siege Batteries will be transferred from 1st ANZAC to XV Corps as under:-

Heavy Artillery Groups	2
4.7" Batteries	1
60 pdr Batteries	2 (6 gun)
8" Howitzer Batteries	3
9.2" Howitzer Batteries	2

3. Heavy Artillery Group Headquarters will be detailed by the Army.

Heavy and Siege Batteries will be detailed by the Corps concerned.

4. Arrangements for the transfer of the above Artillery units will be made direct between Corps. As opportunity offers the units transferred will be withdrawn from the line; by this means the ultimate transfer will be rendered less dependent upon a long spell of fine weather.

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Further instructions will be issued as to dates on which Heavy and Siege Batteries destined for XV Corps will be required to take up their positions.

J. S. Hobbs,

Brigadier General.

21-11-1916.

G.O.C.R.A. 1st A.N.Z.A.C.
