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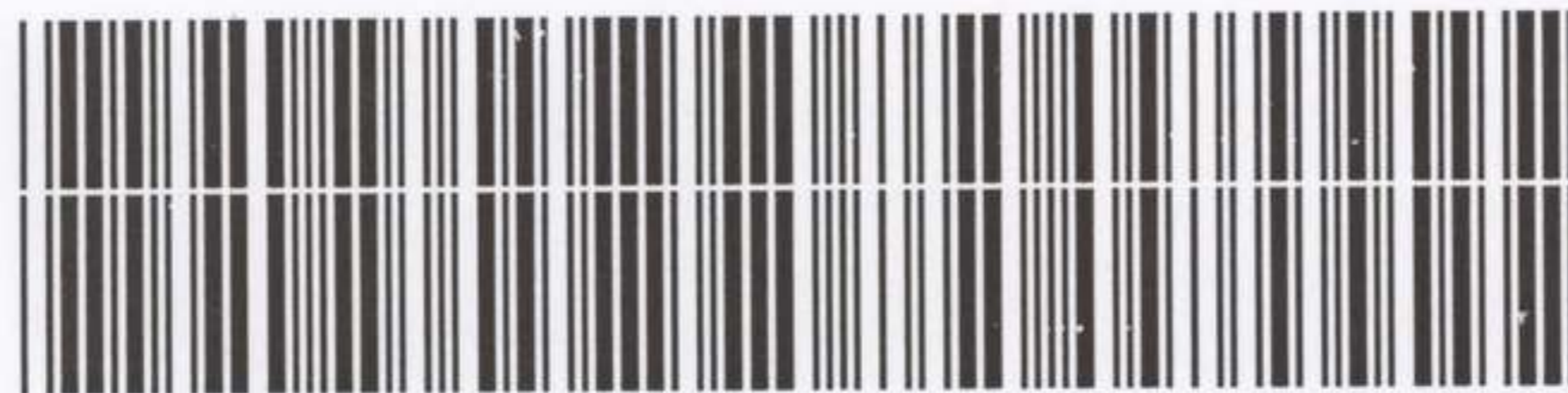
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Artillery

Item number: 13/32/14

Title: Headquarters, 4th Australian Field
Artillery Brigade

April 1917



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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			4th Austr. F.A. Brigade	
VAULX	1917 April 10 th	4:05 pm	<p>A high velocity shell about 15 cm. Calibre landed in the Office of Brigade Staff Quarters killing instantly Lieut. Col. B.A.G. WATTS D.S.O. Capt. B.H. MACK A.M.C. Lieut. G.K. DAVENPORT M.C. and Lieut. H.G. HARDING. Adjutant being at the office of the Brigade Staff they were buried that afternoon at C 25 C (FRANCE SHEET 57C). It was snowing heavily all the while. At the same time all records and documents relating to the Brigade were destroyed.</p>	
	" 11 th		<p>Intelligence report attached. Major W.H. McCLAIR ^{D.S.O.} assumed temporary command of Brigade. Lieut. R.C. OSBORNE from 5th F.A. Brigade reported as Adjutant to Brigade.</p>	I
			Intelligence report attached	II
			Q Group Left Sector 1 st Angas Artillery Order No. 14 carried out	III
			Left Sector 1 st Angas Artillery Order No. 4 attached	IV
			Left Sector 1 st Angas C 3/118 carried out	V
	12 th		Brigade Headquarters moved to 615 central (NOREUIL VALLEY)	VI
			Q Group Left Sector 1 st Angas Order No. 15 carried out	VII
			Intelligence reports attached	
			<p>R. C. Osborne Lieut. Adj. 4th A. F.A. Brigade</p>	

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4 th A.F.A. Brigade				
NOREUIL VALLEY	April	13 th	Q Group left with 1 st Anzac Artillery Order Nos. 16 and 17 carried out.	I + II
			Intelligence Report attached	III
		14 th	Intelligence Report attached	IV
		15 th 3am	Enemy made heavy attack along our front with its left flank at NOREUIL and broken through on our right. Lieut MACLAREN W. of 12 th Battery by his prompt action brought 12 th Battery into action with open sights for which he was afterwards awarded the M.C.	V
			Intelligence report attached	VI
		16 th	Intelligence report attached	VII
			Q Group left with 1 st Anzac Artillery Order No. 20. Barrages arranged.	VIII
		17 th	Intelligence report attached	IX
		18 th	Intelligence report attached	X
			Lieut Col. J. L. SHELL SHEAR from 3 rd Australian Division reported as CO. of Brigade	XI
		19 th	Intelligence Report attached	XII
			Q Group Order No. 13 attached	XIII
		20 th	Intelligence Report attached	XIV
			Q Group Order No. 24 attached	XV
		21 st	11 th and 12 th Batteries withdrawn and sent to waggon lines FAUREUIL for a spell	XVI
			Order No. 6 attached	XVII
			Intelligence Report attached	XVIII
			Q Group Order No. 25 attached	XIX

R. B. Osborne Lieut Adjt.
4th A.F.A. Brigade.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NOREUIL VALLEY	April	23 rd	4 th A. I. A. Brigade Intelligence report attached Q Group Order No. 26 and Brigade Order No 7 attached	I
		23 rd	Intelligence report attached Enemy activities were extremely active and flew over our positions all day requesting batteries and various portions of NOREUIL VALLEY;	II
		24 th	11 th and 12 th Batteries return to their gun positions from wagon lines. The batteries are having an extremely busy time They are invariably shelled at night with gas shells and the points to the gun pits through the valley, are shelled at intervals making the task of crews bringing up ammunition extremely strenuous.	III
		25 th	Intelligence report attached	IV
		do	do	V
		26 th	do	VI

R. B. O'Connell
4th A. I. A. Brigade
Supt Adph

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MOREUIL VALLEY	April 27 th		Intelligence report attached Operation Order No. 9 attached carried out	I
	28 th		Intelligence report attached	II
	29 th		Intelligence report attached Order No. 11 attached carried out	III
	30 th		Intelligence report attached Location report attached	IV
			On 31/3/17 strength of Brigade was 29 Officers and 719 other ranks On 30/4/17 " " " " 29 Officers and 812 " "	V
			Reinforcements received on 2-4-17. from 2nd D.A.C. 36 other ranks " " " 17.4.17 " " 44 " "	VI
			Lt MUCHMORE and 59 other ranks transferred from 117 How Battery to 104 th How Battery completing re-organization of artillery on battery basis. 4 Officers killed during month. (Lieut Col. B. A. G. WATTS D.S.O., Capt. B. H. MACK A.A.M.C., Lieut G. H. DAVENPORT M.C. and Lieut H. G. HARDING.	VII
			4 Other ranks killed and 11 other ranks wounded during month. Lieut Col. J. H. SHELLSHEAR, Capt. E. A. GUYMER A.A.M.C., Lieut. R. G. OSBORNE M.C. and Lt MUCHMORE taken on strength of Brigade during month.	

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

FROM 5pm 9/4/17 TO 5pm 10/4/17

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MOVEMENT

Just before sundown on 9/4/17 four parties each about seven men seem to move from direction of HENDECOURT through U17d towards RIENCOURT.

11.30 am 10/4/17 two bodies of men about 40 strong seem moving toward HENDECOURT from direction of DURT.

light traffic throughout day moving in both directions on this road, apparently G.S. wagons.

WIRE

The report as furnished yesterday was confirmed by infantry patrol. There is nothing further to report today.

MISCELL

A 77mm. appears to be located ~~at~~ in HENDECOURT (U17b) which has fired at intervals during the day on movement on the ridge in C 10 a + b.

The C.O. 14th Btn. expresses himself as well satisfied with the condition of the wire & with the night shooting of the 18 pdrs. in keeping it open. Patrols state that the shooting of the 16 pdrs is well placed.

10.4.17

Chas. R. Hunt

— HOSTILE ARTILLERY —

<u>AREA SHELLED</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>PROB. CALIBRE</u>	<u>ROUNDS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Roads in C10d & b }	4am - 6am	Unknown.	77mm & 70cm.	50	Fired on our troops who presented conspicuous targets —
Hospital & valley in C10d.	11 am.	Unknown.	15cm.	5	
Front line in C4, 5 & 6	throughout day	Unknown	5cm & 70cm.	—	light intermittent shelling.

Hostile artillery generally below normal —

A. P. [Signature]

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Daily Intelligence Report 4th AFA Bde

24 hours ending 0200 11/4/17

Our Activity

Time	Battery	Rounds	Fights	Remarks
11-30 am to 12-30 am	10 th	670	O.O. No 4	
12-30 am to 1-45 am	10th			
1-30 am to 1-45 am	do.	270	O.O. No 4	
12 Noon to 12-58 pm	All Blys	3619	SOS Barrage A.O. No 4	
6-45 am	104 th	40	U 1078.4	Hostile Battery

Movement

5 am. Two large parties of men observed on road in U 6 C. Enemy movement was slight during day and could not be engaged on account of being so close to our own men.

O.P.s

A new O.P. was established at C 5 B 55 by 11th Bly but the Valley from U 280 to U 230 cannot be seen as well as from the new O.P.

Aircraft

On both sides very active

Signals

Wireless messages from Hostile Planes

were picked up. At 5-35 am Green rockets were sent up from enemy lines. 5-40 am Yellow rockets Rocket from enemy aircraft. O.O. phone to Aclgady.

Daily Hoziels Artillery Report

24 hours ending 6 Jan 11-4-17

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Area Shelled	Time	Hoziels Artillery Section	Probable Calibre	Rounds Fired	Remarks
Valley S.W. of MOREUIL about C 15. Central	12 noon onwards	unknown	10.5 cm	60	Direct hit on a TANK near VRAUCOURT CORSE
SUNKEN ROAD CIA RAILWAY in C 4: 5 and 6 ROADS in C 5 and 6	5:30 am	" "	77 mm 10.5 cm 15 cm		Barrage very heavy
C 25 C	During Day	PIRONVILLE			

R.O. Oshonkt.
Avg. Day 4 AFA Bde

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9. GROUP LEFT SECTOR1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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ORDER No. 14Headquarters
11th April 1917SECRET

1. Previous S.O.S. Lines are cancelled.
The following will be the S.O.S. Line for nights 11th to 12th.

4th F.A. <i>B</i>	C 6 b	95 10	-	C 6 a	79
5th " " "	C 6 a	79	-	U 29 d	45 75
45th <i>B</i> attery	U 29 d	45 75	-	U 29	Central
46th " "	U 29	Central	-	U 29 a	50
104th How.	distributed along 4th F.A. <i>B</i> . front				
105th " "	" " " 5th and 12th F.A. <i>B</i> 's fronts.				

2. General arrangements for the Artillery defence of the line will be as ordered in Left Sector Anzac Artillery Order No. 2 of the 8th April, modified as above.
3. The dividing line between Groups is now U 29 a 50.
All *B*atteries of *Q* Group will answer S.O.S. call on Signal received.

[Signature]
..... Lieut.
Adjutant, *Q* Group, Left Sector, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

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223	War Diary
4	4th A.F.A. de.
5	5th A.F.A. "
6	45th <i>B</i> ty.
7	46th "
8	LEFT SECTOR H.Q.
9	2nd D.A.C.
10	"M" Group
11	"P" Group
12	4th Inf. de.
13	47th <i>D</i> ty.
14	Spare.

SECRET

ORDER NO. 4

HEADQUARTERS,
 10th April 1917.

REFERENCE ECOUST 1/10,000 &
 QUEANT 1/10,000.

1. The 4th Australian Division will attack the HINDENBURGH LINE on the morning of the 11th April, preceded by Tanks.
 - 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade -- U 30 a 1540 to U 29 b 0550.
 - 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade -- U 29 a 6560 to U 28 b 4570.
2. The Tanks will form upon a line in U 28 d, 29 c and 29 d between 3 and 3.30 a.m. and will advance on the enemy's trenches at 4.30 a.m.
3. At 4.45 a.m. the Infantry will advance with a barrage on both flanks from the Artillery. No frontal barrage is required.
4. At 5 a.m., 2 of the Tanks - after clearing front and support trench - wheel to the left and come down into BULLECOURT, and the left flank barrage will cease, & Inf. enter BULLECOURT, 2 other Tanks will also wheel to the left and go round from the North of BULLECOURT, and with the other two mentioned, East, will finally join the 62nd Division.
5. At 5.15 a.m. the barrage on the QUEANT Salient lifts on to the trenches through QUEANT and two Tanks wheel to their right down the wire as far as the railway in C 6 b, and return home. At 5.45 a.m. the barrage is put back on the QUEANT Salient.
6. Later, the remainder of the Tanks advance to RIENCOURT and trenches in vicinity and, finally followed by the Infantry, consolidate on the line marked in pink on the 1/10,000 map attached. (Brigades and 5th Aus. D.A. Only).
7. The 4th Cavalry Division meanwhile will be advancing through the gap thus created.
8. Emergency protective barrages will be prepared -
 - A. to cover Infantry in HINDENBURGH LINE in the event of the Tanks being unable to advance as in 3.
 - B. S.O.S. barrage after final objective.
9. All Group Commanders and Battery Commanders must be prepared to act on their own initiative during the advance of the Tanks on RIENCOURT.
10. All wireless Stations must be ready to take in Zone and N.F. Calls, and Group and Battery Commanders will act on them if not engaged on other important work.
11. All O.P.'s. will be manned at 4.30 a.m..
12. "P" and "Q" Groups will find experienced Officers as Liaison Officers with the 12th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades respectively. If Battery Commanders can be spared for this, it should be done.

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ORDER NO. 4 (Continued)
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13. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery will do the barrage from the Railway at C 6 b 9005 to top of spur in U 7 a.
14. H.A. will be bombarding BULLECOURT till 5 a.m., and RIENCOURT till 5.15 when they will lift back.
15. TASK TABLE for Groups attached.
16. ACKNOWLEDGE.
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Major, R.A.,
 Brigade-Major,
 Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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 61 " 12th " " "
 62 " H.A., 1st ANZAC..
 63 - 65 " Spare.

REFERENCE 1/10,000
ICOUST ST MILES & QUANT

T A S K T A B L E
 (To accompany Left Sector, 1st ArZAC.
ORDER NO. 4

S E C R E T

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Up to 4.30 a.m.	All groups normal preventative work and searching approaches.			
4.30 to 4.45 a.m.	"Q" group search approaches l. of line 300 yards from HINDELBURGH LINE. "P" and "M" groups cease firing at 4.30 a.m. and prepare for barrages as below :-			
	TASK	GUNS	AMMUNITION	REMARKS
"P" GROUP 4.45 a.m. to 5 a.m..	F.L.T. U 27 b 7 1 - U 28 a 8 8 thence to U 22 c 3530	2 Btys. 4.5" Hows. 4 " 18-prs.	E X A and A X	Enfilade fire as much as possible.
"M" GROUP 4.45 a.m. to 5.15 a.m.	F.L.T. C 6 b 9 1 - U 30 b 5 1 to LOULIN SANS SOUCI.	2 Btys. 4.5" Hows. 6 " 18-prs.	E X A A X	
5th AUS. DIV. ARTY. 4.45 a.m. to 5.15 a.m.	F.L.T. C 6 b 9 1 - D 7 a 7 6			
"M" GROUP 5.15 a.m. to 5.45 a.m.	F.L.T. V 25 c 6 7 - * V 26 c 5 8. Trench through QUEANT V 26 c 5 8 to D 2 a 0 3	2 Btys. 18-prs. (4 Btys. 18-prs. (2 " 4.5"	A & A X - B X	(if wind is between N.W. and S, 30% A. <i>Smoke</i>
5th AUS. D. ARTY. 5.15 a.m. to 5.45 a.m.	Trench through QUEANT D 2 a 0 3 - D 7 a 7 6.			
5.45 a.m. onwards "M" Group and 5th AUS. DIV. ARTY.	Ad for 4.45 a.m. to 5.15 a.m.		A, A X and BX. (30% smoke A if wind is between S.W. and N.	

* 1/20,000 51 B S.E.

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TASK TABLE (Continued)

<u>RATES OF FIRE</u>	4.45 a.m. to 5.15 a.m.	<u>18-prs.</u> - 3 rounds per gun per minute <u>4.5" Hows</u> 2 " " " " "
	5.15 a.m. to 5.45 a.m.	<u>18-prs.</u> 1 " " " " " <u>4.5 Hows</u> $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " " "
	5.45 a.m. to 5.50 a.m.	3 " " " " "
	5.50 a.m. onwards	1 " " " " "

S.O.S. BARRAGE as in 6 A. U 22 c 9520 - U 22 d 5 9 - U 23 d 1 7 - U 30 b 2580 - U 30 b 9005

DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN GROUPS - U 23 c 2 9 for "P" and "Q", and U 30 b 2580 for "R" and "Q".

S.O.S. BARRAGE AFTER FINAL OBJECTIVE -

U 22 c 3 4 - U 16 d 5 2 - U 17 c 6 2 - U 17 d 4 5 - U 18 Central - U 18 d 7 2 - U 30 a 4 4.

DIVIDING LINES BETWEEN GROUPS - U 17 c 6 2 for "P" and "Q", and U 18 d 7 2 for "Q" and "R" Groups.

S.O.S. RATES OF FIRE - 4 rounds per gun for 5 minutes, then 2 rounds per gun per minute till situation is clear.

Howitzers :- Half the above rates.

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4 *4 Bde*
LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY (COPY NO 21)

SECRET

NO. 3/118
1917
HEADQUARTERS,
11th April 1917.

On instructions from R.A. 1st ANZAC., it is important to prevent repair to wire in U 28 and U 29.

Bursts of fire will be fired on this wire by Groups within their zones at the rate of 25 rounds per hour per 300 yards of front, from 9.30 p.m. onwards.

Roads and approaches will be shelled in rapid bursts throughout the night. Special attention will be paid to the BULLECOURT - HENDECOURT Road and roads leading into RIENCOURT from BULLECOURT and HENDECOURT.

Howitzers will shell HENDECOURT and RIENCOURT periodically.

ACKNOWLEDGE

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1 - 10 "P" Group.
1 - 20 "M" Group.
1 - 35 "Q" Group.
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C.M. Bates

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

PREVENTION OF REPAIR

Battery	Task	Zone
4 th A.F.A. Bde.	30 rounds per hour	U. 30. a. 44. - U. 29. b. 65. 50.
5 th A.F.A. Bde.	30 rounds per hour	U. 29. b. 65. 50 - U. 29. a. 85. 55.
12 th A.F.A. Bde (15 th Bty)	20 rounds per hour	U. 29. a. 85. 55. - U. 29. a. 4. 6

APPROACHES

Battery	Task	Zone
4 th A.F.A. Bde.	30 rounds in short bursts of fire at frequent intervals through the night.	In rear of PREVENTION TASK ZONE
5 th A.F.A. Bde.	ditto	ditto
45 th Battery	20 rounds in short bursts etc etc	"
104 th How Bty	150 rds " " " "	RIENCOURT
105 th How Bty	150 rds " " " "	HENDECOURT

Brigades will allot their own Battery task in allotted zones.

D. H. Lee
Adjt G. Group.

Prevention of Repair

Battery

Task

Zone

10th

30 rounds per hour U30A, 4.4 to U29 B65.5

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Approaches

11th Bty

150 rounds on roads

and approaches in rear of

unif front U30A 4.4 to U30A 1/2.5

12th

150 rounds on roads

and approaches in rear of

unif front U30A 1/2.5 to U29 B65.5

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F ENDECOURT and RIENCOURT

25 rounds in each village

120 / 240 / 60

Q. GROUP

LEFT SECTOR

1st ANZAC ARTILLERY 16

ORDER No. 15

HEADQUARTERS
12th April 1917SECRET

1. It is probable that the attack of morning of 11th will be repeated in the near future, under an Artillery creeping Barrage.
2. Field Artillery are responsible for the following :-
- Wire cutting round BULLECOURT Salient (P Group)
 - Prevention of repair to wire (P Q & M Groups)
 - Constant shelling of Roads and Approaches (P Q & M Groups)
 - Frequent bombardments of BULLECOURT (Q Group)

3. Zones for Q Group :-

4th. A.F.A. de	U 30 a 4 4	--	U 29 4 65 50
5th. "	U 29 4 65 50	-	U 29 a 85 55
12th. "	U 29 a 85 55	-	U 29 a 4 6

4. Q Group will be responsible for the systematic destruction of the Houses in BULLECOURT inside Corps Boundary. This task is allotted as follows :-

104 How. Battery all houses North of the Line
U 27 6 8 6 - U 28 a 8 6 and East of the Road running through U 27 6 8 0 - U 27 6 9 9 - U 22 c 3 1 thence to HENDECOURT.

105 How. Battery all Houses South of the Line
U 27 6 8 6 - U 28 a 8 6 and East of the Road running from U 27 6 6 0 to U 27 6 9 9.

This destructive fire will commence at once and every round must be carefully observed, progress to be reported daily at 6 p.m. to Group Headquarters.
Ammunition to be expended 500 Rounds BX per battery per day.

5. 18 Pdrs will not shoot by day except at living targets and for calibration etc., or calls from Infantry. They will be reserved for shelling at night.
6. Fire for the prevention of repair to wire and shelling of Approaches will be the same as for night of 11th/12th.
7. Ammunition Dumps at Gun Pits must be filled up to :-

18 Pdr.	600 rounds	(A & AX)	in proportion laid down
4-5 How.	400	" (X)	

This amount must be at Gun Pits by 12 midnight 13th. Inst. and Dumps must be kept up to this amount from this onward till further instructions are issued.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

J. Leo
Lieut.
ADJUTANT, "Q" GROUP LEFT SECTOR,
1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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4" A.F.H. Brigade "to unit H.
Daily Intelligence report with 24 hours ending 6/2m 12-9-17.

Our Artillery

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TIME	BATTERY	Rounds fired	TARGET	REMARKS
11 pm to 5 am	11 th	105A 35AX	U30A 4.4. to U30 A 1/2. 5.	Roads and abstentions in rear also
do do.	12 th	150 rounds.	U30A 1/2. 5. to U296 6 1/2. 5.	do do
11/2m to 5 am.	10 th	180 " "	U296 6 1/2. 5. to U30 A 4.4.	Prevention to urban to wire.
12 Midnight to 5 am	104 th	50 rounds.	RINCOURT and HENDECOURT	
2:30 am to 4 pm	104	104	SE portion of BULLECOURT.	

R/O Osborn Lt
Cdtg adjt 4" A.F.H. Bde

Appendix No 7
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4th A.F.A. Brigade

24 hours ending 6/10/17

Daily Hostile Artillery Report

AREA SHELLED	Time	Hostile Artillery Direction	Probable caliber	Rds.	Remarks
Valleys in C9, C5 and C11	throughout the day	G 6 C. (Sound)	77mm, 10.5 cm and 156mm	50	Very light bombard.
C14 & C20 B	4-50am to 6-30am	unknown	156mm	24	no material damage.

Hostile Shelling below normal

Rhosmouth
airlight 40/1000

Appendix No 7

Pro forma A. Continued

Movements.

The usual movement of transport was observed on road from DURY to HENDECOURT during the day. Small party of men also seen moving from HENDECOURT in D.I.D.

9.30am. 2 waggons with party of men moving from D.I.D. to V.C.

Small party observed in SONKEN ROAD G.I.C.

Aerial.

Our planes active until 10 am but aerial activity throughout day below normal.

Weather.

Low generally below normal.

900's report attached



Blackburn
to Adj. Ady 4" H.F.A.
13de.

GROUP

LEFT SECTOR

1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY

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ORDER No. 16

SECRET.

Headquarters,
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1. The 104th. How. Battery will bombard BULLICOURT between 2² and 5 p.m. today. It will be responsible for the systematic destruction of houses inside the CORPS BOUNDARY (Instructions No. 1 para 4 and 6a) Ammunition to be expended 500 rounds per battery. Bombardment to be deliberate and all rounds observed for effect.
2. Heavy Artillery cannot cut any more wire after 2 p.m. on the 13th. Inst.
3. All previous wire cutting zones for Groups are cancelled, and the following substituted :-

P Group	U 28 c 00 95	to	C 48
	U 29 4 5 4	"	U 30 1 3
	The latter with enflade fire		
Q Group	One Battery		
	U 28 4 9 9	to	U 29 a 4 6
	U 30 a 1 3	"	U 30 a 4 2
M Group	U 28 c 4 8	to	U 28 4 2 8

There are already reported Lanes cut as follows :-

	U 28 4 7 8	to	9 8
and at	U 29 4 3 4	"	5 4

While the wire from U 29 4 8 4 to U 30 a 4 4 and round BULLICOURT is much damaged.

4. 105th. How. Battery will cut wire for Q GROUP and as far as possible will be relieved from other work.
5. Groups will send in a wire report on the places they have been cutting on the evening of the 13th. Inst. and will concentrate on getting two 40 yard lanes cut in their Zones. Ammunition supply unlimited. This last task must be carried out with the greatest energy.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

J. Lee
.....Lieut.

Adjutant, Q GROUP, LEFT SECTOR,
1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY

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Q GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

S E C R E T.

ORDER No. 17

Headquarters, II
 April 13th. 1917

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1. Re ^{and} bombardment of Shelling of Roads and Approaches it is to be noticed that HENDECOURT is now outside the CORPS BOUNDARY and therefore need not be shelled by Q GROUP.
 2. In continuance of Left Sector Order No. 16 para. 1. it is to be noted that this order cancels previous orders of bombardment of ULLECOURT.
 104 How. Battery will be responsible for shelling the whole of ULLECOURT East of Main Road.
 U 27 b 0 5 to U 27 b 9 9 to U 22 c 3 1 thence towards HENDECOURT.
 105th. How. Battery will be responsible for wire cutting.
 3. The HINDENBURG Line will be attacked again on Sunday 15th. Inst.
 4. A Barrage Map will be issued with Zones marked on it. Boundaries for Q Group are as follows :-
 U 29 a 1 6 to U 23 a 40 15 to U 18 b 0 7
 U 30 a 1 1 " U 24 c 10 25 " U 18 d 3 4
 Details of Barrage will be notified as soon as possible, but batteries are advised to have Datum Points registered in their probable zone and calibrations verified.
 5. For the final protective Barrage of Q Group
 U 18 d 3 4 to U 18 b 0 7
 At least 18 guns will be required.
 6. Prevention of repair to trenches and wire will take place as usual. It is notified for information that the boundaries of this zone remain as follows for Q Group :-
 U 29 a 4 6 to Cross Roads U 17 a 5 2
 U 30 a 4 4 " " " U 18 d 03 10
 and subdivision ^{FOR} Brigades are as previously ordered.
 Ammunition to be expended, ~~xxx~~ 600 Rounds per Brigade (A & AX)
 45th. and 46th 300 Rounds
 Batteries to Fire alternate nights by mutual agreement.
 7. For S.O.S. Lines see Group Order No. 14, para 1.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

Normal distribution.

[Signature]
Lieut.
 Adjutant, Q Group, Left Sector,
 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

4/17

Q GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

SECRET AMMENDMENT TO ORDER No.17

HEADQUARTERS
April 13th 1917

Para 6 of Q Group Order No. 17 is cancelled, and the following substituted :-

TASKS

4th A.F.A. Bde. will fire on Front Line and Support Trenches, and on the wire, for the prevention of Repair to Trenches and wire in the whole of Q Group Zone, from U 29 a 4 6 to U 30 a 4 4.

5th A.F.A. Bde. will fire on Approaches to Group Zone.

12th A.F.A. Bde. will fire on Approaches to Group Zone.

(45th and 46th Batteries will carry out 12th Brigades Task on alternate nights beginning with 45th Battery tonight)

AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED

4th A.F.A. Bde.	800	rounds
5th " "	500	"
12th " "	350	"

Acknowledge by wire.

.....Lieut.
Adjutant, Q GROUP, LEFT SECTOR,
1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

Normal distribution.

Appendix No. 2.

4th A & A Brigade
Daily Intelligence Report

III

Qivv Artillery

24 hours ending 612m 13-4-17.

Time	Battery	Rounds	Target	Remarks and effect
12.30am to 5.30am	10 th	140	U 300.4.4 to U 2966 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5	Prevention of retreat to wire
11.30am to 4.45am	11 th	150	U 300.4.4 to U 300.2.5	Roads + railway junction in rear of this zone
midnight to 6.5am	12 th	120	U 300.2.5 to U 2966 $\frac{1}{2}$ 5	do do
do do	104	NO. 50	RIENCOURT and HEN DECOURT	
4.30am	10 th	20	U 170 7.4	

P. Oshonukh
Actg Adjt
4th AFA/Bde

Appendix No. 3

4th A.F.A. Brigade

Daily Hostile Artillery Report


24 hours ending 6/2m 13-4-17

Area Shelled.	Time	Direction	Probable Calibre	Shds	Remarks
C 10	10am to 10:15am	RIENCOURT	77mm	80	
C 33	11am to 11:45am	Unknown	7.6cm	30	
{ C 15 Band	11am to 1pm	RIENCOURT	100mm	120	gas shells
{ C 15C	" "	"	15cm	10	

Intermittent shelling throughout the day with 10cm and 15cm of MOREUIL VALLEY especially in C 15

Blanchonnet
Actg Adjt
4th A.F.A. Bde

Appendix No. 3.


Enemy Movement Continual movement is seen from U12 G.43 towards road in U12 Central. During the morning small parties of men were seen in this vicinity. There is apparently a trench in vicinity of U12 Central on which work is being performed.

Enemy works Two machine guns in vicinity of U23D 52 have disappeared.

Aircraft 10-15am Enemy plane flew over our lines.

Signals At 9-30am enemy sent us several Golden Shower Rockets. No apparent action followed.

26 Oshonukh
 Aug 24th
 1st AFH/3de

Daily Intelligence Report

IV

Our Artillery

24 hours ending 6 pm 11-4-17

Time	Battery	Rounds fired	Target	Remarks & effect
10:30 pm to 5 am	11 th Bty	400	U 300 4.45 U 296 4.5	Roads and attachments and wire
do do	10 th	400	U 296 4.56 U 29a 4.6	do do
11:30 am	12 th	27	Ino line	Sanctuary
11 am to 4 pm	10 th	000	BULLCOURT	

Rb Oshorn Lt
Adj Adj
14 AF A 124

Appendix No 4

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4th A & A Brigade

Daily Hostile Artillery Report

Area Shelled	Time	Hostile Chilling Direction	Calibre	Kilo mts	Remarks
C 15 Central	6:20 to 6:30 am	Unknown	70 cm	20	Heavy How
C 15 b and c	8:15 to 9 am	B. VEANT	15 cm 10 cm	30	
do do	12 noon	" "	15 cm	10	
NOR E 014	1:30 pm	CAGNICOURT	15 cm	10	
C 15 b and c	5:10 pm	" "	15 cm	15	

R. B. Colborne
Adjutant
4th A & A Bde

Appendix No 4 27

Enemy movement: On road in U 6 C 6.4 also a party seen
 coming from road at U 7 C 4.3 moving to U 12 a.
 Enemy works: There appears to be some work going on
 at U 12 C 4 2.
 Aircraft: Below normal.

4" AFIA Base
 14-4-7

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1000 Artillery

Daily Intelligence Report — I

24 hours ending 6/10/17 15-4-17

Time	Battery	Rounds	Targets	Remarks & Effort
10 am to 5 am	10 th	400	529 64 56 029 64 5	Programme as per instructions
5 am to 10 am	do	841	SOS	
10 am to 4 pm	11 th	400	530 64 56 029 64 5	do do
4.58 to 17 noon	11 th	690	SOS and tactics under groups Artus	
12.30 to 3 pm	11 th	100	SOS lines	Support trenches in rear
5 am to 10 am	12 th	500	SOS	
12.45 pm to 3 pm	12	70	SOS lines	Support trenches in rear
5 am to 10 am	10 th	600	SOS lines	and as ordered by Brigade
12 noon to 12.10 pm	10 th	70	Battery in 511 d 15	Battery ceased firing

R. O. Schmitt
 C. G. Ad. h
 4 NFA/200

Appendix No 5 29

4th A & A Brigade
Daily Hostile Artillery Reports

24 hours ending 6/Nov 15-4-17

Area Shelled	Time	Hostile Artillery Direction	Calibre	Rounds	Remarks
eqb	7.30 to 9am	unknown	10cm	40	
C11 Central	10.30 am	do do	do	80	
C6	9.30 to 10am	do do	do	40	
eqb + C10C and MOREUIL	10.45 am	VII	15cm	60	
eqb + d C10	11 am	unknown	10.5	60	
10cm to 14cm MOREUIL VALLEY		Valley at C10b	77mm	100	light damage

Bobson Lt
C10
14 AF 120

Appendix No 5

Hourly Situation at 6:45 am. Our line had been maintained in C 3, 4 and 5. Some 160 enemy front line ran down valley bottom E 11 Central through to SUNKEN ROAD in C 7 C. At 7 am our counter attack developed along ridge and through E 22, 17 and 18 and worked down on the left flank in C 2. At 8 am our line was reestablished in C 6 B and counter attack pushed home towards LAGNICOURT.

Attack 4 Enemy planes crossed our lines at 6:30 am but withdrew after 15 minutes reconnaissance.

Bob Brown
 Aug 4th 44 "AF" 24.

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 pm. 16/4/17.

Our Artillery.

Time.	Battery No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks.
4.40 am.	104th 26	U.12.d Central.	

Hostile Artillery Report.

Area Shelled.	Time From To	Hostile Artillery direction.	Prob. Calibre	No. of Rounds	Remarks.
U.10.a.7.1.	11.25 am	Unknown	15 cm.	4	
U.14.d. 15/3/17	11.30 11.40 pm	de.	77 mm.	12	
U.20.a.16/4/17	10.10 am 10.15 am.	de.	15 cm	20.	
LONGATTE.	1.10 1.20 pm	BIENCOURT.	15 cm) 77 mm.)	30	H.E. and T.S.

BORELL Valley was shelled intermittently during the night.

Intelligence.

Movement. 6.30 am. Parties of men observed moving along road in U.12.c..
 10.20 am. Party of enemy observed moving from BIENCOURT to CHATEAU WOOD.
 11.15 am. Small working party observed on right edge of Chateau Wood in U.12.c.
 11.20 am) Party of from 20 to 30 men seen moving from Chateau
 12.15 pm.) Wood in westerly direction towards road in U.12.

Aerial. Two hostile balloons observed in U.11 and U.12.

Signals. Golden shower rockets were sent up over BIENCOURT.

Adj. for Lt. Col. C. C. ^{lt.} 4th F.A.B.

Q GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 20

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS,
April 15th. 1917Re LEFT SECTOR, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS No. 5

1. "Q" Group is to be prepared to extend its barrage lines to aid in the Defence of the Group on its Right or Left.
2. Q Group will therefore be prepared to extend its barrage to U 28 Central or to D 1 a 0 0
3. "P" Group is prepared to extend its barrage to U 30 6 0 2 and "M" Group is prepared to extend its barrage to U 30 a 20
4. If Right Division 5th. Corps attacked
 - A. All barrages extend to the LEFT
 - If "M" Group attacked, that is LAGNICOURT. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
 - "P" and "Q" Groups extend to RIGHT.
 - If "Q" Group attacked, that is NORIEUIL
 - "M" and "P" Groups extend to LEFT and RIGHT respectively
 - If "P" attacked, that is LONGATTE. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 - "M" and "Q" Groups extend to LEFT
5. These barrages will be as follows, and will be known by the following names :-
 - A. "HELP "P" BARRAGE"
 - U 30 6 0 2 to U 29 CENTRAL to U 28 CENTRAL
 - B. "HELP "M" BARRAGE"
 - When the S.O.S. lines will be extended by the Right battery of the 4th. A.F.A. de to ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ D 1 a 0 0.
 - C. When NORIEUIL attacked
 - S.O.S. Lines
6. ~~XXXXX~~ The zones for these barrages will be as follows :-
 - A. "HELP "P" BARRAGE"
 - 4th. A.F.A. de
 - U 30 a 0 2 to U 29 Central
 - 5th. A.F.A.
 - U 29 Central to U 28 6 8 0
 - 13th. A.F.A.
 - U 28 6 8 0 " U 28 Central
 - B. "HELP "M" BARRAGE" as detailed in para 5
 - C. S.O.S. Lines as already ordered.
7. Re para 6. A barrage line to be known as NORIEUIL barrage is also to be prepared from C 10 a Central to C 17 6 0 5. 10th., 11th., 45th., 46th., batteries will divide this line working from Right to Left in the order named. 105th. How. will sweep the whole line. Other batteries will sweep ground in front of the barrage line at the lowest angle of sight which will clear the crest.

- 8. This last Barrage will not be put up except at the request of the Infantry or on an order from DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS.
- 9. It is of the utmost importance to prevent the enemy obtaining a footing in the villages of LONGATTE, NORIEUL and LAGNICOURT.

C. F. Robert Thomson.....Major.

Q Group, Left Sector, 1st. ANZAC
ARTILLERY.

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secret.

OPERATION ORDER No. 1

Copy No. 1

By Major F. HARBOTTLE
 sctg. C.O. 4th Field Artillery Brigade
 16/4/17.

Reference Left Sector 1st ANZAC Artillery instructions No. 5 and "Q"
 Group Order No. 20.

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1. "Q" Group is to be prepared to extend its Barrage lines to assist in the defence of the Groups on its Right and Left up to U.28 Central or D.I.S.C.C.
 2. If Right Division 5th Corps or "P" Group (LCSWATTA) is attacked "Q" Group extends to the Left.
 If "M" Group (LAGNICOUNT) is attacked "Q" Group extends to the Right.
 3. These barrages will be known by the following names.
 "a" Help "P" Barrage.
 "b" Help "M" Barrage.
 4. On receipt of the message "Help "P" Barrage" 4th A.F.A. Brigade will cover the zone U.30.a.C.2 to U.29.central as follows.
 10th Battery. U.30.a.C.2 to U.29.b.6a.1a.
 11th Battery. U.29.b.6a.1a to U.29.b.3a.1.
 12th Battery. U.29.b.3a.1 to U.29. Central.
 104th Battery. Junctions of communication trench in rear of U.30.a.C.2 to U.29.Central.
 - On receipt of message "Help "M" Barrage"
 10th Battery. will extend its S.C.S. lines up to and including D.I.S.C.C.
 Remaining Batteries as per S.C.S.
 7. A Barrage line to be known as "CORSAIR BARRAGE" is to be prepared as follows.
 10th Battery. C.17.b.C.3 to C.17.a.6a.7.
 11th Battery. C.17.a.6a.7 to C.10.d.9.3.
 12th and 104th) Batteries to sweep ground beyond line C.17.b.C.3 to Batteries. C.10.d.9.3 at the lowest angle that will clear the crest.

R. H. Harbottle

Lt. A/Adj.
 4th F. A. Brigade.

- Copy No. 1 File.
 2. 10th Bty.
 3. 11th Bty.
 4. 12th Bty.
 5. 104th Bty.

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 pm. 17/4/17.

Our Artillery.

Time.	Battery No.	of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and Effect.
The roads and tracks in rear of Brigade Sector were shelled by Batteries during the night.				
11 am.	12th	12	U.12.c.5.3.	Working party. dispersed.
2 pm.	10th	50	U.23.d.C.4g.	
12 noon to 5 pm.	10th & 4th	500	BULLECCOURT.	Considerable damage reported from C.P.
At 3.30 pm. each Battery fired 30 rounds at battery in U.18.d.8.1.				

Enemy Artillery.

Locality shelled.	Time From	Time To	Hostile Artillery direction.	Prob. Calibre	No. of Rds.	Remarks
C.10 c and d.	2.30 pm	3.15 pm.	Unknown.	15 cm.	30.	
C.9.b	10 am	1.30 pm	Unknown	15 cm.	20.	
C.15 Central	3 pm.	3.30 pm.	Unknown.	10.5 cm.	approx. 50.	
C.15.	9 am.	11 am.	Unknown.	15 cm.	50.	
C.9.b.	12 noon	1 pm.	do.	15 cm.	20.	
U.28.d.	12 noon	1 pm.	do.	15 cm.	10.	
NORWEL Valley was intermittently shelled throughout the day.						

Intelligence.

Visibility very bad.

Enemy shelling above normal.

R. O. O'Connell
Lt. A/Adj.
for C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 pm. 18/4/17.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and Effect.
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3 to 4 pm. 10th 40 Registrations.
 Approaches and Roads in rear of the Brigade Zone were shelled by the 10th and 11th Batteries during darkness.
 The usual shelling of NIENCOURT by the 10th Bty. was carried out.

Enemy Artillery.

Area Shelled.	Time From To	Hostile Artillery direction	Prob. Calibre	No. of Rounds	Remarks
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C.10.s... C.9.	10 am 10.30 am	V.11.d.	77 mm.	40.	
C.15.	11.15 am.	V.6.	15 cm.	5.	
C.10.	1.15 pm 1.30 pm.	V.11.d.	77 mm.	20.	
C.10 & C.11.	2 pm 2.15 pm.	V.11.d.	77 mm.	3.	
C.15.	2.30 pm 3 pm.	V.11.d.	77 mm.	10.	

NO NAIL Valley was intermittently shelled during the day by 77 mm. 10.5 cm. and 15 cm. shells.

Intelligence.

No enemy movement except for an occasional one or two men walking across towards NIENCOURT at about 0.12 Central.

Observations. End.

R. B. Thomas
 Lt. A/Adj. 4th F. A. Brigade.

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 pm. 19/4/17.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and Effect.
The usual shelling of tracks and roads in enemy back country was carried out during the night.			
2.25 pm to	10th 15	MOULIN SANS SOUCI.	Registration.
2.40 pm.			
11.30 am to 1 pm.	12th 90	U.30.b.25.85.	Registration. Satisfactory.
1.50 pm to 2 pm.	12th 9.	Working Party, U.12.c.3.2.	Dispersed.
At 2.40 pm. U.22.a.5.1 was shelled as per orders.			

Hostile Artillery.

Locality shelled	From	Time. To	Hostile Artillery direction	Prob. No. of Rounds.	Remarks
C.10.a.	7.45 am	8 am.	Unknown	77 mm. 30.	
C.16	11 am	11.10	Unknown	10.5 mm 50.	
U.27.c.	9.10 am	9.30 am	Unknown.	15 cm. 10.	
LONGATTA.	9.25 am	9.30 am.	"	15 cm. 20.	
C.10.a.	12.40 pm	12.50 pm	"	77 mm. 8.	
1 pm. NORWELL Valley searched with 77 mm. with rapid fire.					
NORWELL valley intermittently searched shelled during the night by guns of all calibres.					

Intelligence.

Visibility. Low from 2 pm. onwards. Fair prior to this.

Miscellaneous. 12.30 pm. Ammunition dump in U.28.a. set on fire.

Signals. Signal lamp observed in line running from C.P. (C.10.a.6.1. through U.18.d.8.C. Signals indistinguishable.

[Signature]
Lt. A/Adj.
4th F. A. Brigade.

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HEADQUARTERS
April 19th 1917

With reference to Task Table issued to Batteries.

1. During the night Batteries will fire as usual for preventative work and searching approached in short bursts. Ammunition to be expended. 600 rounds per Brigade (A and AX)
- 45th. & 46th. XXXXXX. 200 rounds per Battery A and AX
4.5 Hews. 150 " " " BX
- Targets. 4th. A.F.A. Bde on trenches in front and rear Line and on wire from U 29 a 4 6 - U 30 a 4 4.
104th? Hw. on machine gun positions and trench junctions on this front.
5th. A.F.A. Bde will fire on approaches to Group Zone.
45th. and 46th. Batteries will pay special attention to Cross Roads, Road junctions and any place where movement was specially noticed to-day in rear of Hindenburg Line.
45th? Right Half and 46th. Left Half of Group Zone.
2. Re Task 4.30 a.m. to 4.45 a.m.
Great care must be taken that no firing takes place South of ~~xxxx~~ a Line 300 yards North of the Hindenburg Line.
- ZONES. 4th. A.F.A. Bde on the right between Line U 30 8 3 8 - U 18 d 7 2 and Line U 23 d 7 3 - ~~U 18 c 3 2~~ U.18.C.3.2
5th. A.F.A. Bde on the left between Line U 23 d 7 3 - U.18.C.3.2 ~~U 18 c 3 2~~ - and Line U 23 c 2 9 - U 17 c 6 2
45th. and 46th. Batteries as for Task 1, provided that no fire takes place within 300 yards of the Hindenburg Line.
In this, back firing must not be entirely confined to roads
- AMMUNITION TO BE EXPENDED
- 18 Pdrs 2 rounds per gun per minute
4.5 Hews. 1 " " " " " "
3. S.O.S. BARRAGE as in para 8a of Left Sector Artillery Order No. 4
4th. A.F.A. Bde U 30 8 25 85 - U 24 c 2 4
5th. A.F.A. " U 24 c 2 4 - U 23 d 05 70
12th. A.F.A. " U 23 d 05 70 - U 23 c 2 8
45th. Bty Right Half and 46th. Battery Left Half on 12th. A.F.A. Barrage Line.
4. S.O.S. BARRAGE after a final objective as in para 8 of Left Sector ARTILLERY Order No. 4
4th. A.F.A. Bde U 18 d 6 2 - U 18 Central - ~~U 18 c 8 9~~
5th. " " U 18 c 8 9 - U 17 d 5 5
12th. " " U 17 d 5 5 - U 17 c 6 2
45th. Battery Right Half and 46th. Battery Left Half of 12th. A.F.A. Bde Barrage Line.
5. The 14th. and 104th. Batteries are to be kept available for wireless calls and therefore the whole of their Brigade Barrage Line must be covered by the other Batteries of their Brigades. If the 14th. and 104th. Batteries are not required for wireless calls they will thicken the fire on their Brigade Barrage Line.
6. Battery Commanders must be prepared to act on their own initiative but must keep Group Commanders fully informed of any they may take.
7. From 5.30 a.m. to 5.40 a.m. 14th. Battery will fire on Line U 18 c 5 5 to U 18 d 2 2 with time shrapnel to act as a guide for steering the tanks. Rate of fire 2 rounds per gun per minute
8. Every effort is to be made by all observing officers and Battery Commanders to keep Group Commanders fully informed regarding the situation.

ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE

.....Lieut.
Adjutant, Q Group, Left Sector 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 pm. 20/4/17.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery No.	No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and Effect.
11.45 am.	11th	23	Working Party, U.23.b.	
3.15 pm.	12th	4	Working party U.18.s.	Dispersed.

Roads and tracks in rear of Brigade Zone were also shelled during the night.
104th Bty. carried out the usual shelling of BULLECOURT during the day.

Enemy Artillery.

Locality shelled	Time		Hostile Artillery direction	Prob. Calibre	No. of Rds.	Remarks
	From	To				
C.15.c.6.3 and vicinity	9 pm.	1 am.	Unknown.	Gas shells	Unknown	
C.10.d.	8.30 am	9.30 am	CAGNICOURT	(15 cm (10 cm.	approx. 150.	
C.10.d.	11.35 am		do.	do.	50.	
C.10.a. & b.	12.30 pm.		Unknown.	77 mm.	12.	
C.15.c.	3.45 pm.		Unknown.	15 cm.	12.	

NORUEIL Valley shelled intermittently day and night.

Intelligence.

Movement. Working parties seen and fired on in U.23.b.
Patrol also seen in U.24.b. engaged by 11th Bty.

Aircraft. Hostile activity during morning.
8.30 am. British scout driven down in C.10.d. Enemy artillery then directed on plane and demolished it.

Observation. Only fair.

F.O.Os. report enclosed.

Lt. Col.
C.O. 4th F. A. Bde.

9 GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 24

SECRET

April 20th. 1917

XIII

1. The 7th. Inf. Brigade were relieved by the 5th. and 6th. Brigades last night 19th. to 20th.
2. Lieut. G. ADAMS will relieve Lieut. G. RAYMOND as Liaison Officer before 3 p.m. today 20th. Inst.
3. 4th F.A.B. will make a thorough reconnaissance of the enemies ~~wire~~ wire first thing tomorrow morning
Especially From ~~U 29 a 90 45 to U 30 d 74~~. U 28 b 88 to U 30 a 44
 A report to be rendered to Group as soon as completed.
4. Attention is drawn to Left Sector, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY Order No. 5 and Administration Order No. 3.
5. Report called for in Left Sector Order No. 5 para. 7. commencing on April 21st will be rendered to 12th Brigade Headquarters by 45th and 46th Batteries by 4 p.m. daily.

6. On account of withdrawal of Batteries S.O.S. zones will be as follows :-

Normal S.O.S. Line U 29 a 5 0 to U 29 Central to C 6 b 95 10
 This is divided as follows :-

10th Bty.	C 6 b 95 10	to C 6 a 8 9	✓
13th "	C 6 b 0 8	to U 29 d 55 65	
15th "	U 29 d 7 4	to U 29 Central	to U 29 a 5 0

HELP "M" BARRAGE

Same as for S.O.S. Lines, but 10th Bty. extends it's right Flank to D 1 a 0 0.

HELP "P" BARRAGE

10th Bty.	C 6 b 95 10	to U 30 c 40 15
13th "	U 30 c 5 0	to U 29 Central to U 29 a 9 0
15th Bty.	U 29 d 90 95	to U 29 Central to U 28 Central

NORRILL BARRAGE

46th Bty.	C 17 b 05	to C 17 a 40 95
45th "	C 17 a 60 85	to C 10 d 90 35
10th "	C 11 c 1 2	to C 10 d 40 75
13th "	C 10 d 6 6	to C 10 a 90 15
15th "	C 10 b 05 05	to C 10 a 5 5

104th How. will Barrage roads, strongpoints etc. 200 yards in rear of these lines.

7. TASK PROGRAMME

104th How. will fire 400 rounds daily on wire cutting mainly on the spur in U 28 B. This Bty. will not fire on back country except for opportunity targets, and will not fire more than 400 rounds daily on routine shooting.

8. 5th F.A.B. will expend 600 rounds nightly on offensive operations shelling roads and country behind lines, including recently constructed trenches if within range in U 30 B V 1 9, and V 1 3 and will also keep REINCOURT defences under observation during the day, firing on it if necessary.

9. 10th Bty. will expend 600 rounds nightly on prevention of repair to wire and trenches on the HINDENBURG Line, especially the wire between U 29 a 8 7 and U 30 a 5 4.

10. Attention is drawn to Left Sector 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY Instructions No. 7 and No. 8.

Batteries being relieved today will go back into action on the night 24th/25th April.

A. J. Robin's Thomson

OPERATION ORDER No. 6

by Lt. Col. J. W. SHELLISHEAR.
C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade
20/4/17.

XIV

1. 7th Infantry Brigade were relieved by the 6th and 5th Brigades last night.
2. An Officer from the 10th Battery will make a thorough reconnaissance of the enemy's wire first thing tomorrow morning, from U.28.b.80.80. to U.30.a.40.40. Report to be rendered to this Office not later than 11 am.
3. Report called for in Left Sector order No. 5 para. 7 commencing on April 21st will be rendered to 4th F. A. Bde. H.Q. by 3 pm. daily.
4. On account of withdrawal of Batteries S.O.S. Zones will be as follows.

10th Bty.	C.6.b.95.10 to C.6.a.80.90.
13th Bty.	C.6.b.00.80 to U.29.a.55.65.
15th Bty.	U.29.a.7.4 to U.29.Central to U.29.a.50.00.

 Help "M" Barrage.
Same as S.O.S. Lines but 10th Bty. extends its right flank to D.1.a.00.00
Help "P" Barrage.
10th Bty. C.6.b.95.10 to U.30.a.40.15.
MORRILL Barrage.
10th Bty. C.11.c.10.20 to C.10.a.40.75.
104th How. Bty. will barrage roads strong points etc. 200 yards in rear of the line C.17.b.00.50 to C.10.a.50.50.
5. Task Programme. 104th How. Bty. will fire 400 rounds daily on wire cutting mainly on the spur in U.28.b. Battery will not fire on back country except for opportunity targets and will not fire more than 400 rounds daily on Routine shooting.
6. 10th Bty. will expend 500 rounds nightly on prevention of repair to wire and trenches on the Hindenburg line, especially the wire between U.29.a.80.70 and U.30.a.50.40.
7. Attention is drawn to Left Sector 1st Anzac Artillery instructions Nos. 7 and 8.
Batteries relieved today will go back into action on the night 24th/25th April.

R. B. Oshorn
Lt. A/Adj.
4th F. A. Brigade.

- Copy No. 1 File.
2. 10th Bty.
3. 11th Bty.
4. 12th Bty.
5. 104th Bty.

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 5 pm. 21/4/17.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery No.	No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and Effect.
12.5 pm.	10th	36.	S.O.S. Lines.	
	104th	36	S.O.S. Lines.	
2. to 3 pm.	104th	80	Registration.	

104th Bty. expended 80 rounds on enemy front wire.
 MULLECCURT was shelled by 104th Bty. 300 rounds being expended.

Hostile Artillery.

Locality shelled	Time		Hostile Artillery Prob. direction.	Prob. Calibre	No. of Rounds	Remarks
	From	To				
U.11.e. - U.12.a.	3 pm.	4 pm.	U.11.e.	10.5 cm	100	
3.4e-4-p. - U.11.d.			U.12.a.	77 mm.		
S.a.a.			U.11.d.			
NO RUEIL Valley	11 am	3 pm.	Unknown.	10.5 cm	20.	

During night NO RUEIL Valley was intermittently shelled with Gas shells, 77 mm. 10.5 cm and 15 cm.
 At 12 noon Enemy searched hedge along right side of Valley with 15 cm.

Intelligence.

erial. Two balloons up during the afternoon.
 Four enemy planes over our lines during the afternoon.
 Our planes fairly active.

bservation. Bad during morning. Improved during the afternoon.

C.O.'s. report enclosed.

Joseph Shullman
 Lt. Col.
 C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade.

Q GROUP LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 25

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SECRET

HEADQUARTERS,
April 21st. 1917

1. The C.F.R. A. 2nd. Aus. Division will take command of the Left Sector, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY as from noon on the 21st. April.
2. If wind is favorable ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ on night 21st/22nd, the 5th. Army Special Company R.E. will discharge gas on QUEANT at 3a.m. "M" Group will arrange for a rapid ~~gourts~~ of fire on QUEANT and trenches in front of it, and approaches to QUEANT in D 2 a and ~~D~~ at 3 30 a.m. on April 22nd.
3. 7th. Brigade Front is for convenience for patrolling purposes divided into Sectors as follows :-

Right Sector from Div. Boundary to the Railway at C 6 c 4 3 up to C 6 c 4 3 *wp*
Centre Sector from above Railway exclusive to road C 5 a 7 7 to U 29 a 9 7 inclusive.
Left Sector. from above road exclusive to left Div. Boundary.

In accordance with instructions received through the Artillery Liaison Officer Artillery Fire will cease on the night of the 21/22nd. on the different Sectors of the 7th. A I Brigade Front as follows :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SECTOR</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TO</u>
21/22	25th. n	Right	11.30 p.m.	to	1 a.m.
"	27th	Centre	1 a.m.		2.30 a.m.
"	25th. "	Left	10 p.m.		11.30 p.m.

Care must be taken that for this purpose watches synchronise. Divisional Signal Time should therefore be obtained from ~~by~~ Batteries firing near the Infantry Front from Group H.Q. each evening. about 7 p.m.

4. TASKS. for tonight and tomorrow will be the same as detailed for today.

A. F. Robert Thomson Major.

"Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

10/Jan

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 pm 22/4/17.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and Effect.
3 pm.	104th	25	Battery, U.18.d.8.1.	
		25	Battery, U.18.d.7.8.	

During the day 104th Battery expended 800 rounds on the wire in U.18.b. Enemy tracks and road in back area shelled during the night.

Enemy Artillery.

During the night NC RUEIL Valley intermittently shelled with gas shells, 77 mm. 10.5 cm and 15 cm. NC RUEIL Valley very heavy shelled from 2 to 3.30 pm. by gas shells, 77 mm. 10.5 cm and 15 cm.

Intelligence.

Aircraft. Enemy planes very active. Curs active also. One of our planes brought down on right of BULLBOCOURT during afternoon. Enemy balloons up behind RIENOCOURT and QUEANT.

Observation. Fair during morning, good in afternoon.

F.O.C.'s report enclosed.

WOO *Woshom*
Lt. A/Adj.
4th F. A. Brigade.

GROUP

LEFT SECTOR

FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

ORDER No. 26

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Headquarters
April 22nd 1917SECRET

1. 45th Battery will find Officer for 5th Brigade Tactical O.P. tonight 22nd/23rd.
5th F.A.B. will find this Officer on the nights of the 23rd/24th, 24th/25th, 25th/26th, and 49th night of 26th/27th and 48th night of 27th/28th.
2. Major Harbottle will take over Liaison Officer in place of Lieut Adams on the morning of the 23rd April before noon.
3. Attention is drawn to 5th Army S.O. 301/5 issued to Batteries today. O.C. Batteries are responsible that their O.P.'s are manned from dawn till dusk, and that a vigilant watch is maintained by F.O.O.'s. Also that communication is maintained between O.P.'s and Batteries.
At night the two Brigade Tactical O.P.'s within the Group are responsible, and the officers in charge must see that a vigilant watch is maintained and prompt action taken when necessary. Both Tactical O.P.'s must be able to watch over the front of Q Group sector.
4. S.O.C. Signals will be established as before at Company H.Q. in the Line and in Support, and Battalion H.Q.
5. It is notified for information that
 - (a) The recent forward line of resistance will be known as "The Front" System.
 - (b) The Corps Support Line will be known as "The BRAUHEYZ - MORGHIES - VAULX line".
 - (c) The Corps main line will be known as "The BRUGNY-YTHES Line".

Villages close in rear of each line will be prepared and defended as supporting points to that line.
6. Batteries in touch with wireless stations must act on zone calls and especially N.F. calls, without waiting for further orders.
7. The Infantry Escort for Q Group, is posted as follows :-
One Platoon with Lewis Gun at C 17 c 9 d.
One Platoon with Lewis Gun at C 15 b 2 9.
8. Attention is drawn to Left Sector, 1st ANZAC Artillery Instructions No. 5 paras. 3, 9, and 10.
Re PARA. 9. - After the 5th F.A.B. have been withdrawn, the final protective Barrage Line must be covered by the 4th F.A.B. in U 18 B and d.
The 12th F.A.B. are still responsible to thicken the line in U 24 B and d.
4th F.A.B. will render report to Group as soon as possible of zones allotted to each Battery, care being taken that each Battery must overlap by 50 yards on to the Battery zone on either flank.
9. After the 5th F.A.B. are again in action (Instruct. No. 6 Para 9) Q Group will Barrage U 24 d 3 8 to U 30 b 3 1. This will be divided as follows :-

45th Bty.	U 30 b 3 1	-	U 30 b 3 5
46th "	U 30 b 4 3	-	U 30 b 3 8
10th "	U 30 b 3 7	+	U 24 d 3 2
11th "	U 24 d 3 0	-	U 24 d 3 5
12th "	U 24 d 3 4	-	U 24 d 3 9
10. Table of Cessation of Artillery Fire for 22nd to 23rd inst.

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Date Night of	Unit	Sector	From	Time	to
22/23rd	28th Bn.	Right	1 a.m.		2.30 a.m.
"	27th Bn.	Centre	10 p.m.		11.30 p.m.
"	25th Bn.	Left	11.30 p.m.		1 a.m.

11. 5th F.A.B. will perform the task tonight detailed in Order No. 24 para.9 instead of the 10th Battery.
12. Attention is drawn to B.M. 31 dated 21st April which has been forwarded to Brigade Commanders for compliance. Certificates to be rendered direct to D.A.

ACKNOWLEDGE ✓

A. F. Robert Thomson Major.

"Q" GROUP, LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY;

Normal distribution.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 7

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by Lt. Col. J. V. SHELLSHEAR
CIC. 4th F. A. Brigade
22/4/17.

.VI/A/33

1. Major HARBOTTE will take over Liaison Officer in place of Lieut ADAMS on the morning of the 23rd April before noon.
2. Reference to 5th Army S.O. 301/5 issued herewith, Co. C. Batteries are responsible that their C.P.s. are manned from dawn to dusk, and at night the Officer in the Brigade Tactical C.P. must see that a vigilant watch is maintained and prompt action taken when necessary.
3. S.C.S. Signals will be established at Company. ~~in the line~~ and in Support and Battalion H.Q. signal is one green rocket, one red rocket, one green rocket.
4. It is notified for information that
 - (a) the present forward line of resistance will be known as the "Front" System.
 - (b) The Corps Support Line will be known as "The BRAUMETZ-MORCHIES VAUX Line".
 - (c) The Corps main Line will be known as "The BRUGNY ETRES Line".
 Villages close in rear of each line will be prepared and defended as supporting points to that line.
5. The Infantry escort for "Q" group is posted as follows.

One platoon with Lewis gun at C.17.c.9.6.
One Platoon with Lewis Gun at C.16.b.2.9.
6. Reference Left Sector 1st Anzac Artillery instructions No. 6 para. 5. After the withdrawal of the 5th F. A. Brigade the 4th F. A. Brigade will cover the final protective barrage in U.18.b. and d. as follows.

10th Bty.	U.18.d.40.35 to U.18.d.20.95.
11th Bty.	U.18.d.30.75 to U.18.b.10.35.
12th Bty.	U.18.b.15.20 to U.18.b.00.75.
7. Reference Left Sector, 1st Anzac Artillery Instructions No. 6, Para. 9 after the 5th Field Artillery Brigade are again in action zones for Batteries of 4th Field Artillery Brigade will be as follows

10th Bty.	U.30.b.30.70 to U.24.d.30.20.
11th Bty.	U.24.d.30.00 to U.24.d.30.50.
12th Bty.	U.24.d.30.40 to U.24.d.30.90.

- Copy No. 1 File.
2. 10th Bty.
 3. 11th Bty.
 4. 12th Bty.
 5. 104th Bty.

Re: Shell
Lt. A/Adj.
4th F. A. Brigade.

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 pm.

23/4/17.

Our Artillery.

During the day 104th Bty. expended 250 rounds on the wire in front of the HINDENBURG Line.

Enemy Artillery.

Locality shelled	Time From	Time To	Hostile Artillery direction.	Prob. Calibre	No. of Rds.	Remarks
C.15.c.6.3.	6.30 am	10.45 am	Unknown.	15 cm.	250	1 gun 10th Bty hit.
C.15.c.6.3.	12.45 pm.		do.	15 cm.	4	

Intelligence.

Aerial. Enemy aeroplanes very active during morning. One enemy plane flew up and down NORUEIL Valley for about an hour. Our planes active during the afternoon. Enemy had eight balloons up at various times during the day.

Observation. Very good

Enemy troops congregated in U.15 a and c were fired on by 104th Bty.

Lt. Col.
C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade.

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 pm. 23/4/17.

Our Artillery.

During the day 104th Bty. expended 266 rounds on the wire in front of the HINDENBURG Line.

Enemy Artillery.

Locality shelled	Time		Hostile Artillery direction.	Prob. Calibre	No. of Shells	Remarks
	From	To				
C.15g6.3.	6.30 am	10.45 am	Unknown.	15 cm.	250	1 gun 10th Bty hit.
C.15.c.6.3.	12.45 pm.		do.	15 cm.	4	

Intelligence.

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Lt. Col.
C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade.

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Daily Intelligence Report

Our activity

#km 20-2-17 to 4km 20-1

Time	No of Rts	Qty	Target	Remarks
4km	406	10 ^h	V28 B	low ceiling, no return
from twilight 1.30 to 4.30am	600	104 ^h		Continuation of attack to air

Hostile activity

4km 23-0-17 to 4km 24-0-1

Time	No of Rts	Size	Locality	Height	Direction
30 am	300	15am	C1506.3		Coastward
from 8 noon	200	5.9 and 4.2	C15 central		"

NORFOLK VALLEY was shelled consistently throughout the day with 5.9 and 4.2.

Aircraft Hostile aircraft particularly active during day. Three times during morning they appeared over targets in NORFOLK VALLEY apparently without being noticed either by our troops or anti aircraft guns.

Observation Saw 10000

4km 23-0-17

B.P. 4000

Daily Intelligence Report

4th Field Artillery Brigade

from 4 hrs 20-4-17 to 4 hrs 25-4-17

Our Artillery

Time	Battery	Rounds	Target	Remarks
4 hrs 4 am 4-20/21 24-4-17.	10 th 104 th	25	Breunthorn of Japan to wire U 15a	Enemy party about 50 dispersed.
25-4-17.	104	287	O 28 B	Wire cutting
4 hrs 25-4-17	10 th	16	Checking	Registrations

Enemy Artillery

Area Shelled	Time	Direction	Battery	Rds	Remarks
C 15:66 3 and vicinity	9 pm 24-4-17.	HENDÉCOURT	15 am	10	Shells burst no damage.
C 14	3-45 pm	Noh known	10 am	10	

Hostile shelling during day much below normal
no shells falling in NOREUIL VALLEY.

Aircraft Much below normal. No enemy machines appeared during day. A balloon whose identity is not known was seen for a few moments in the clouds on a true bearing of 147° from C 14 D 40.

Visibility poor until after midday.
J.O.'s report attached.

Rb Osborne list
In 60 4th A.F.A. Bde
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Our Artillery

Time	Battery	Rounds	Target
10 min to 5 am	12 th	600	woods, Country behind lines and possibly wireless masts in G30B, V19 and V13

Enemy Artillery

How Shelled	Time	Location (only direction)	Battery	Rds	Remarks
LONGHILL	6.06 to 6.15 am	CAGNICOURT	10 am	20	HE
G30B	5.45 to 6.50 am	Unknown	15 am	20	
10.10	9.10 to 9.12 am	CAGNICOURT	77 am	30	Searchlight
C10B	11.15 to 11.20 am	HENDECOURT	15 am	25	
UNIDENTIFIED IN ROAD	11.30 to 11.55 am	CAGNICOURT	77 and 10 am	20	
MORBOIL	12.20 to 12.30 am		10 am	10	HE
UNIDENTIFIED	1.15 to 1.15 pm		10 am	30	Searchlight
UNIDENTIFIED	1.5 to 2 pm		77 + 10 am	50	Searchlight
LONGHILL	1.35 to 2 pm	Unknown	15 am	25	HE
G30B	1.35 to 3 pm	CAGNICOURT	15 am	30	Repeating
C4-C9	1.15 to 1.15 pm	G10	10 am	16	TANK
UNIDENTIFIED	3.15 to 3.20 am	G10	95 am	10	
C9	3.15 to 3.15 am	Unknown	10 am	20	

Ltd. Joseph Sheehan

Lieut Col.

C.O. 4th Art. Brigade

At 4.50 am flashes of a Maxim gun firing
from RIENCOURT Church on Down
front line in V 30 or was observed

Between 4.45 and 5 am flashes of 10 am low
Baiting was observed on a bearing of
64° from C 4 C 3 1/2 O. firing into LONGHATE
& seconds interval between flash and report

Aircraft. Below nominal. Occasions were
observed on the following bearings
from C 4 C 3 1/2 O. 69° 30', 34°, 46°, 37° 30'
64° 113° 30' 97° and 78°

I.C. Os report attached.

Sgt Joseph Sheelsham
Lieut Col
CO. 4th A & A Bde

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

24 HOURS ENDING 6 PM 27 APRIL 1917

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	RODS FIRED		TARGET	REMARKS
		A	AX		
4.17 4.5 pm	12 th	93	15	V 30 B 25.85	Registration
6.0 to 7 pm	11 th	18	16	Min. Sans Souci	Registration of corrector (checking)
7 pm	"		16	V 28 a	Bank
4.12 Night	"	116	424	Night firing	
to 5 am	"	132	32	Brigade orders	(S.O.S)
to 11 am	12 th	37	35	Brunch U 23 b 5.5 to U 23 b 8.4	x
2 noon	11 th	65	9	Brigade orders	
5 am 4.55	12 th	57	41	D/C 2 2040 to C 6 B 90.0	S.O.S.
5.30 pm	"	10	14	Brunch, as at 11 am	x
		<u>528</u>	<u>586</u>		Total rounds fired 1114

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

AREA SHELLED	TIME FROM	TIME TO	DIRECTION FROM	ROUNDS FIRED	PROBABLE CALIBRE	REMARKS
ad C 9 b	6.15	6.30	Unknown	30	10 cm	
5a + C 5 b	7.20	7.30	"	50	77 mm 10 cm	
28	8.45	8.50	"	20	10 cm	
30 c	9		"	20	10 cm	
oad C 9	9	10	"	20	77 mm	
outline V 27 + U 28	11	11.20	"	30	15 cm 10 cm	10 cm. shrapnel
oad C 3 c 9	11	11.30	"	50	15 cm	
+ C 5 c 9 + 10	11.35	11.40	V 21	120	10 cm	shrapnel 4 gun salvos
c 10	12.15		V 21	40	10 cm	shrapnel
9	12.15	12.20	Unknown	12	10 cm	shrapnel
8 9 d	2.25		V 18	20	77 mm	
10	20		Unknown	10	15 cm	

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Movement

From 7 am to 8 am odd men observed moving
from Hen court to Hendecourt & again at
noon. During day traffic observed
(mostly waggons) moving on DURY. HENDECOURT
road

F.O.O's report attached

Joseph H. Shillsham
Lieut. Col. C.O. 4 A.F.A. B'de

OPERATION ORDER

No. 9.

By Lieut-Col J. D. SHELLSHEAR,

SECRET

Commanding 4th. A.F.A.
Brigade,
27th. April 1917.

1. As "Z" day for the coming operation has not yet been fixed opportunity should be taken at once to register all batteries at present in action on an additional Datum Point at least 30 degrees clear of Zero Line.

2. The following are the barrage lines for batteries of this Brigade at present in action.

NORMAL S.O.S.

11th. Battery C 6 b 30 50 - U30 c 15 20, Special Points astride
Road C 6 a 6.9.

12th. Battery D 1 c 20 40 - C 6 b 30 50, Special Points
D 1 c 20 40 - C 6 b 90 00

HEIP "P" BARRAGE

11th. Battery C 6 a 60 90 - U 29 Central - U 29 a 80 00
Special points Astride Road C 6 a 60 90

12th. Battery D 1 c 20 40 - C 6 a 60 90 Special Points D 1 c 20, 4
- C 6 b 90 00

HEIP "M" Barrage

C 6 a 60 90 - U 29 Central - U 29 a 80 00
11th. Battery / D 1 c 20 40 - C 6 a 60 90 Special Points
astride road U 29 a 70 70.

12th. Battery D 7 a 10 70 - D 1 c 20 40 Special Points
D 7 a 00 80 - D 7 a 50 10

CLOSE DEFENCE BARRAGE
200 yards beyond following zone.

11th. Battery C 11 a 00 30 - C 10 b 90 10 Special Points
C 11 a 00 30 - C 11 c 80/40

12th. Battery C 18 a 00, 50 - C 11 d 00, 30, Special Points C 11 d 50, 00 - C 11 e 00 - 30.

3. When covering a large zone Batteries will lay on Special Point with Lines of Fire parallel.

4. Fourth F.A. Brigade will expend 600 rounds nightly on offensive operations shelling roads and country behind lines including recently constructed trenches if within range in U30 b, V 19 and V 13 and will also keep REINCOURT defences under observation during day, firing on it if necessary. Batteries will do this firing until further orders in the following order: - Night 27/28 - 12th. Bty. Night 28/29 - 11th. Bty. and so on in turn.

5. O.Ps will be manned by an officer at night as follows:-
Night 27/28 12th. Battery.
" 28/29 11th. Battery
and so on in turn until further orders.

Copy 1 file
2 - 11th Bty
3 - 12th Bty.

R. B. Shearman
Lt. A/Adjt.
4th. A.F.A. Brigade.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

Appendix No. 3.
4th AFA B'DE

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24 HOURS ENDED 4 PM 28 APRIL 1917

III

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY TARGET	TARGET BATTERY	RDS FIRED		REMARKS
			A	AX	
4 ¹⁷ 5 pm	V 23 b 5.5 to U 23 b 5.4	12 th Battery	15	21	
4 ¹⁷ 1 pm	U 12 c	"	35	8	Movement + registration zero point
2 to 2 pm	V 25 Central	"	27	7	
15 to 3.10 pm	V 28 a 4.5 30	11 th Battery	48		Registration new zero point.
			570	182	Total expended. 752 rds

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

REA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	ROUNDS FIRED	REMARKS
	From	To				
15 c + d	3.45	4.15	CAGNICOURT	77 mm	30	
5a + C + d	4.30	6	Unknown	10.5 cm	30	
3d + C + c	8 am	3.30 pm	"	15 cm	50	Intermittent
11 c	8 am	3.30 pm	"	10.5 cm		
3a + c	9 am	3.30 pm	"	10.5 cm		

F. O. O. REPORT

AERIAL Enemy balloons reported as follows —

From OP at C4c 22	1 pm	bue bearing 33°
"	1 pm	54°
"	1.30 pm	60°
"	2.30 pm	21°
"	3 pm	26°
C10 a 7.1	1 pm	34°
"	2.30 pm	61°
"	3 pm	22°
"	10.40 am	27°

INTELLIGENCE REPORT (CONTINUED)MISCELLANEOUS

10.40 am fire in REINCOURT
 1 pm. large volume of smoke
 observed rising from REINCOURT

MOVEMENT

Considerable movement of small
 parties observed throughout the day
 at C12 d+c to C18 a

16/1/1918 Lt. Col.
 C.O. 4th Fa B de
 A.C.D.

4 AFA B'DE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

24 HOURS ENDED 4 PM 29.4.17

OUR ARTILLERY

BATTERY	TIME	TARGET	RDS FIRED		REMARKS
			A	AX	
1 st B'TY	28.4.17 6.50 pm	D1C 5.4	8	6	Infantry in trenches, casualties effected
1 st B'TY	9.30 pm to 4 am	Approaches in rear of Brigade Sector	168	398	
1 st B'TY	10.15 pm to 11 pm		405		O.O. No. 10
"	11.5 pm	D1C 3.2 to D7a 4.9	20	20	Enemy party fired on with effect
"	29.4.17 10.45 am	V18 C1.2	13	9	
"	11 am		139	9	O.O. No. 36 1 st ANZAC
1 st B'TY	12 noon	V23 C 97		5	Enemy party
2 nd B'TY	3.7 pm	DD Central	48		Infantry reported 2 enemy Companies in vicinity
			801	447 77	TOTAL RDS FIRED 1325

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

AREA SHELLLED	TIME		HOSTILE ARTY DIRECTION	ROUNDS FIRED	PROBABLE CALIBRE	REMARKS
	FROM	TO				
U 27 d	8.15	8.20	CAGNICOURT	10	15 cm	
"	8.20	8.30	HENDICOURT	6	10 cm	H.V. H.E.
C 9 a	8.10	8.15	CAGNICOURT	5	15 cm	H.E.
C 9 b (wire)	8	8.10	"	10	77 mm	"
C 5 a (embankment)	8.40	9	REMY	12	10 cm	P.S. + T.S.
C 5 c	11.15		RIENCOURT	8	10 cm	2 gun salvos
C 5 a	12.55	1.5	CAGNICOURT	15	77 mm	P.S.
C 10 b	2.30	3 pm	V 24 b	10	10 cm	
C 9	9 am	12 noon	Unknown	50	77 mm	

AERIAL

Between 7+7.30 am Enemy plane above CAGNICOURT observing fire for 15 cm battery firing towards VAULX

9.45 am Our planes engaged 4 hostile machines above RIENCOURT & forced them back

3.50 pm British plane brought down in flames to right of RIENCOURT

MOVEMENT

1 pm to 1.20 pm small parties observed & fired on in V 23

10.45 am Enemy working party V 18 C 1.2 fired on with effect

Considerable movement V 12 C 1.1 $\frac{1}{4}$ suggests HQ in woods

~~FOO's report attached~~

Joseph Shellshear

Lt. Col. CO. 4 AF

OPERATION ORDER

No. 11.

By LIEUT COL J. L. SHELLSHEA R
 Commanding 4th F. A. Brig
 30th April 1917.

SECRET

1. ^{to night April 30th / 1st May} 12th Battery will spend 600 rounds on prevent^{ion} to repair
 of wires and trenches of the HINDENBURG LINE between
 B 29b 00.50 to road in ^U ~~area~~ 30 a 50 30 Fire to cease
 between the hours 12 midnight to 1 a.m. and ~~from~~ ^{to} 3.30 a.m.
2. Reference operation Order No. 9 Para 4 Firing detailed
 to 11th Battery for night 30th April - 1st May will
 cease on U.30b. from midnight to 1 a.m. and from 2 a.m.
 to 3.30 a.m.
3. Gas Bombs from projectors will be discharged from
 railway line about C 4b. and C. 5a. onto the
 HINDENBURG LINE at 1 a.m. on night 30th April- 1st May.
 Precautions previously ordered for similar operations
 will be observed.

Acknowledge by wire

R. G. Osborne.

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 Adj. 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

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11th Battery
 12th Battery

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

4th A.F.A. BRIGADE

24 HRS. ENDED 4pm 30 4 17

OUR ARTILLERY

TIME	BATTERY	TARGET	RDS FIRED		REMARKS
			A	AX	
7 pm	H ² C ¹	V 22 a 9.7	14	2	Registered for line & satisfactory effect, registration few feet.
12.0 to 1.30 pm	B ¹ B ²	V. ob 25.85	98		
11.0 am Sep	H ¹ B ²	V 22 b + V 17 d	23	11	Felling opportunities
NIGHT	H. B ²		135	13	
			150	450	Group Order
			285	463	
			TOTAL RDS FIRED		48.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

AREA SHELLED	TIME		HOSTILE BTRY DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	ROUNDS FIRED
	FROM	TO			
LONGGATIE	7.30	10 am	Unknown	15 cm	60
Longgatie Cq	9.55			77 cm	4
V 27 a	10.5			15 cm	6
LONGGATIE + Long Cq	10.25	noon		15 cm	40
C 5	10.45			15 cm	3
C 5 + 6	10.50			77 cm	4
C 10 + 2	11.2			77 cm	3
C 5 + V 27	11.40			15 cm	8
V 39 c	11.55		CASNICOURT	77	8
Longgatie Cq	12.00		"	10 cm	20
C 10	1.30		Unknown	10 cm	14
C 15 Central	1.3		CASNICOURT	77	50
Longgatie Cq	1.25		Unknown	15 cm	8
F 2 C 5 + 6	1.5			15 cm	10
T 10 + 11	1.15	11.30	V 21	10 cm	24
C 10	1.58		CASNICOURT	77	2
F 10	1.58		Unknown	15 cm	2
13	2			10 cm	1
MORVILLE	2	2.5	V 21	10 cm	40

OVER

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HOSTILE ARTILLERY

AREA SHELLLED	TIME		HOSTILE ART'Y DIRECTION	PROBABLE CALIBRE	ROUNDS FIRED
	FROM	TO			
Road C26d	220		continuous	15 cm	4
Trinch C10b	210	225	V 21	10 cm	16
V28 + 29	255		unknown	10 cm	2

MOVEMENT

Several parties seen in V 23b + U 17d from
HEMDECOURT to RIENCOURT during the day.
All were fired upon.

O.P.s

O.P. reported at V 17d 5.3 is confirmed. This
was fired upon at noon, a direct hit
being obtained.

AIRCRAFT

At 5.10 am an enemy plane was observed
over RIENCOURT

at 5.20 am three enemy planes flying from
QUEANT towards RIENCOURT

At 9.30 am British battleplane made a
reconnaissance of enemy front line from
RIENCOURT to BULLECOURT flying at height
of 50 feet.

MISCELLANEOUS

several red rockets were observed at 4.38
pm. at left of BULLECOURT.

Joseph Shellshead Lt. Col
C.O. 4th A.F.A.B'OE

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17 in 10.
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Whole of 10th,
12 unit probably
be in hospital in the
evening.