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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAVELINCOURT 1917	April 2nd April 3rd April 6/7th 8/9th	—	<p>10th Bde marched to neighborhood of MAMETZ en route for BAPAUME and the relief of the 2nd Aus DA. Archelon 4 A/DAC from MAMETZ to BAPAUME</p> <p>11th Bde to MAMETZ 10th Bde to wagon lines N of BAPAUME</p> <p>The 2nd DA were not relieved, but on orders from 1st ANZAC the 4 Aus DA Bdes were placed in action during the next few days. Their positions were in the valley running down to LONGATTE from the SW.</p> <p>The Bdes of the 1st Aus DA came under the orders of the CRA 4th Aus Div and on the nights 8/9th & 9th/10th were placed in action in the valley running down to LAGNICOURT. The 1st Aus DAC arrived on the 7th April.</p>	<p>4 Aus DA Orders 66-66 67 & 68 Relief Warrior Order of 27/3/17</p> <p>4 A/DAC Order 69</p>

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<p>HQ at the MONUMENT 1 mile N of BAPAUME onwards</p>	<p>10/4/17</p>		<p>Preparations were proceeding for an attack on the HINDENBURG line in Squares U29, U30 & U28 Maps 57/C</p> <p>An attack projected on the line as above at dawn did not come off at the last moment owing to Tanks, which were to cover the advance being late.</p>	<p>4 am Div G 5/215 226 226/1 and left section 1st DIVISION ARTILLERY Instructions No. 1.</p>
	<p>11/4/17</p>		<p>The 4th Aus Inf Bde & 12th Aus Inf Bdes attacked preceded by tanks with artillery Batteries on either flank. The attack got home into the enemy's support line but after fighting for hours had to come back owing to the impossibility of keeping up the supply of bombs across a MG swept No Man's Land. The Tanks were mostly knocked out soon after the start</p>	<p>Instructions No 2 left section 1st DIVISION ARTILLERY Order No 4 4 am Div order No 4</p>

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	April 12		<p>preparations proceeding for a fresh attack on the HINDENBURG line</p> <p>4 Aus Divs in the process of relief by 2nd Aus Div. The Artillery remains in, as further operations are contemplated.</p> <p>The enemy attacked the left $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Division on our right (1st Aus Div) by surprise without bombardment. Rushed our guns (1st & 2nd Bde AFA) in the LAGNICOURT VALLEY. Detachment mostly managed to get clear in the confusion with their sights and breech blocks. The enemy penetrated as far as 1200 yds W of LAGNICOURT and within 400 yds of NOREUIL</p>	<p>C3/118 of 11 April</p>
	13 th			
	14 th	4:45 am		
	15 th			

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	April 15th		<p>Where the Batteries were firing at point blank range.</p> <p>The 12th Bty in especially did good work with a single gun man out of its pit in firing at the enemy advancing up the valley to NOREUIL.</p> <p>A strong counter attack by the 2nd Aus Div, drove the enemy out by 7.15 am, capturing some 300.</p> <p>The enemy suffered very severely and it is estimated that 800 dead were left in our lines or just in front.</p>	<p>Vide Report on Operations of 15th inst</p>
	16/17 th		<p>Artillery preparations for the next attack proceeded.</p> <p>Weather very bad</p>	

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BARRABOONE	18 th April to 21 st		<p>preparations for fresh attack on HINDENBURG LINE Continued. Wire cutting by 4.5 Howitzers and Heavy Artillery. Prevention of repair to wire by night by 18 pns. All approaches to enemy's lines shelled by 18 pns throughout night.</p> <p>Command of LEFT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY handed over to CRA 2nd Aus Division. Head Quarters 4th Aus Div Artillery remained in forward area till end of month.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CM Mater main RA Hq Mater 4th Aus DA</p> <p>Copies of operation & intelligence reports April 1 - 21st are attached</p>	

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COPY NO. 17

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET. - RELIEF WARNING ORDER -

HEADQUARTERS,
27th March 1917.

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(Not to be taken in advance of line mentioned in para. 6)

Reference Map - 57 C 1/40,000.

1. On a date to be ordered later, the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery will be relieved by the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

2. The Divisional boundaries are as follows :-

RIGHT - Main ALBERT - BAPAUME Road at H 32 a 9 7
East to H 32 b 8 6 to H 27 c 4 0 --
H 27 d 0 2 - H 22 c 7525 and thence through
I 4 Central.

LEFT - (also Corps Left Boundary)
H 9 Central to B 18 c 0 0 - C 3, Central
LONGATTE and SAPNIGNIES exclusive.

3. The Divisions on either flank of the 4th Aus. Division are as follows :-

RIGHT -- 5th Australian Division.
LEFT -- 7th (British) Division.

1 troop 13th
Light Horse.
Detachment of
ANZAC. Cyclists.
5th A.F.A. Bde.
2 Sections 13th
Field Company
13th Aus. Inf.
Brigade.
13th Field Amb.

(Commander -
G.O.C. 13th Aus.
Inf. Brigade.)

4. The general system of holding the Area to be occupied by the 4th Australian Division (who will have taken over by 12 noon on the 28th) will be as follows:-

- (1) Advanced Guard, strength and composition as per margin.
- (2) One Infantry Brigade in Support ready to reinforce the Advance Guard on its main defensive line with strong posts in rear of it.
- (3) One Infantry Brigade in Reserve, garrisoning the Corps Intermediate line.

5. SITUATION.

On the morning of the 27th the situation was as follows:-

The enemy's rear-guard outpost line was as follows :-

LONGATTE - NOREUIL - C 17 Central - D 19 a
Central - J 3 d 2 1 - DOIGNIES - J 29 Central.

The enemy had been driven out of LAGNICOURT on the morning of the 26th.

Our advance guards were holding the line

C 8 c 0 0 - C 17 c 3 2 - C 18 d 0 5 -
D 19 a 5 0 - BEAUMETZ LES CAMBRAI.

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RELIEF WARNING ORDER (Continued)

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6. The forward limits of the main defensive front of the Corps will be as follows for the present :-

O 5 Central - I 27 Central - I 14 d - H 12
Central - H 4 d.

extending over a depth of 1200 yards in rear with defended localities.

7. The Corps intermediate line is as follows :-

VILLERS AU FLOS - BANCOURT - H 28 b -
H 21 b - H 13 d.

8. The Artillery defence of the line will, like that of the Infantry, be distributed in depth.

One Army A.F.A. Brigade (the 12th) is attached to the Divisional Artillery.

The 10th A.F.A. Brigade will be the Brigade attached to the Advance Guard and under the orders of the Advance Guard Commander.

The 11th A.F.A. Brigade will be in action in observation in defence of the line laid down in para. 6, within the Divisional limits.

The 12th (ARMY) A.F.A. Brigade will be in Reserve with a view to covering the line laid down in para. 7, within the Divisional limits.

The 11th and 12th A.F.A. Brigades will be under the command of the C.R.A..

9. The 11th and 12th A.F.A. Brigades will work closely with the Infantry Brigades, holding their respective lines of defence and it is expected that each Artillery Brigade will move forward with the Infantry Brigade when the latter relieves the Infantry Brigade further forward, or becomes the advance guard.

10. It is hoped that the relief will take place as follows:-

"A" Day - "A" Echelon, D.A.C., moves to a position on the BAPAUME - SAPIGNIES Road, H 21 c.

"B" Day - 10th A.F.A. Brigade moves to "A" Echelon old wagon lines in X 29 d.

"C" Day - 10th A.F.A. Brigade moves up and relieves 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery advance guard Brigade, the general provisions of G.H.Q. Artillery Circular No. 2 of January 14th being followed. 11th A.F.A. Brigade moves up to wagon lines in X 29 d vacated by 10th A.F.A. Brigade.

"D" Day - 10th A.F.A. Brigade completes relief. 11th A.F.A. Brigade takes up positions in observation.

N.B. The Brigade Commander and Battery Commanders of 10th A.F.A. Brigade will go straight up to line on "E" day.

The "B" Echelon D.A.C. will remain in its present location in X 29 d till further orders.

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11. Special instructions are issued herewith to each of the Brigade Commanders reference their tasks.

12. AMMUNITION SUPPLY -

The arrangements will probably be as follows :-

10th A.F.A. Brigade:-

18-prs., dumped at guns, 152 rounds per gun.
1st line wagons and gun limbers full.
4.5's., dumped at guns, 96 rounds per gun.
1st line wagons and limbers full.

11th A.F.A. Brigade:-

18-prs., dumped at guns, 76 rounds per gun.
1st line wagons and gun limbers full.
4.5's., 48 rounds per gun dumped.
1st line wagons and gun limbers full.

12th (ARMY) A.F.A. Brigade :-

No dump.
All echelons filled.

"A" Echelon will deliver to Battery wagon lines as required to maintain above establishments. The advance guard Brigade Batteries will require the normal orderly from the D.A.C. "A" Echelon, at their wagon lines.

It is very important to prevent little dumps of ammunition being left scattered about.

13. Divisional Headquarters will be East of BEUGNATRE in H 17 b.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. J. Bates

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET

ORDER NO. 65

HEADQUARTERS,
28th March 1917.

Reference RELIEF WARNING ORDER of the 27th instant.

- In accordance with G.O.C.R.A., 1st ANZAC. Artillery Instructions No. 90 of the 28th instant, the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will relieve the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery as follows :-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Moves to</u>
<u>31/3/17</u>	"A" Echelon 4th) Aus. D.A.C.) 10th A.F.A. Bde.	Selected site near BAPAUME X 29 d (D.A.C. Wagon Lines)
<u>1/4/17</u>	10th A.F.A. Bde.	Line, and relieves 5th A.F.A. Bde.. Relief to be complete by 6 a.m., 2nd April.
"	11th A.F.A. Bde.	X 29 d (D.A.C. Wagon Lines)
"	4th A.D.A.H.Q.	X 29 d " " "
<u>2/4/17</u>	11th A.F.A. Bde.	Line, and relieves 4th A.F.A. Bde.. Relief to be complete by 6 a.m., 3rd April.
"	4th A.D.A.H.Q.	4th Aus. Div. Headquarters

- March Orders will be issued later.
- It is impossible to state the locations of the positions of the Batteries of the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery, as the situation is constantly changing; This information will be given later.
- Brigade Commanders and Battery Commanders (less 1 Battery Commander per Brigade), with such portions of their Staffs as may be necessary, will march ahead of their Brigades as follows :-

31/3/17 - 10th A.F.A. Brigade to "A" Echelon, 4th Aus. D.A.C. H 21 c.

1/4/17 - 11th A.F.A. Brigade to "A" Echelon, 4th Aus. D.A.C. H 21 c.

Brigade Commanders will render to this Office a marching-out state of these parties by evening of 29th instant.

- Zones, grouping and duties of Brigades will remain the same as taken over from the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery at noon on the 3rd April.

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6. The D.A.C. Commander will arrange to lend Brigades complete teams, and drivers for the same, to assist Brigades on their second day's march. Indents for the above will be sent through this Office by evening on the 30th for the 10th A.F.A. Brigade, and 31st for the 11th A.F.A. Brigade. Loaned mules are to be used as teams with their own drivers and will return to the "A" Echelon, D.A.C. on the mornings 2nd April and 3rd April for the 10th and 11th A.F.A. Brigades respectively. These teams will return to their Unit under orders of the O.C., "A" Echelon D.A.C..

7. AMMUNITION :-

All echelons will march filled from X 29 d (4th Aus. D.A.C.) All ammunition will be taken over from the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery as follows :-

<u>10th A.F.A. Brigade</u>	from	<u>5th A.F.A. Brigade</u>
<u>11th A.F.A. Brigade</u>	"	<u>4th A.F.A. Brigade</u>

4th Australian D.A.C. will take over all 2nd Australian D.A.C. dumps and will become responsible for supply as from noon, 3rd April.

Units will render copies of receipts given, by 5 p.m. on the 3rd April.

All Units will show separately, ammunition dumped and ammunition in vehicles.

8. The duties laid down for the 11th and 12th A.F.A. Brigades in paras. 8 and 9 of RELIEF WARNING ORDER, will not come into force till further orders.
9. The C.R.A. 4th Australian Division will take over the command of the Artillery of the Left Section, 1st ANZAC. front, at 12 noon, 3rd April.
10. This Office will close at BAVELINCOURT at 8 a.m., 1st April, and will re-open at Headquarters 4th Australian Division at 6 p.m. on same date.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ORDER NO. 66

HEADQUARTERS,
29th March 1917.

REFERENCE SHEETS, LENS & AMIENS 1/100,000.

Reference Order no. 65 of the 28th instant.

1. The march will be carried out as stated below :-

"A" Echelon, 4th A.D.A.C.. - ROUTE. CONTALMAISON -
POZIERES - BAPAUME.
To reach ALBERT - BAPAUME
Road at 10 a.m..

A.F.A. Brigades. (1st day's
march to X 29 d) - ROUTE. FRANVILLERS -
ALBERT.
STARTING POINT. Fork Road
one third of a mile S. of "I"
in BEHENCOURT.
9 a.m. for 10th A.F.A. Bde. &
8.30 " 11th " " .

(2nd day's march to line) ROUTE. CONTALMAISON -
POZIERES - BAPAUME.
STARTING POINT. Fork Road
200 yards S. of "I" in
CONTALMAISON at 9.40 a.m..

2. The following distances will be maintained :-

400 yards between Batteries,
& 100 yards between Sections.

3. Attention is called to the orders issued on the subject of
Rear Parties to see camps and billets clean, and also on
the subject of claims.

4. A memo. re supplies will be issued later.

5. D.A.C. and Brigade Commanders will arrange mutually re
filling Battery echelons with ammunition at X 29 d.

6. 2nd Line transport will march 400 yards in rear of the last
Section of each Brigade, under command of an Officer.
Baggage guards will be detailed for each Battery.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET

ORDER NO. 67

HEADQUARTERS, 31st March 1917.

REFERENCE ORDERS Nos. 65 and 66.

1. The relief has been postponed by a total of 48 hours. All moves will therefore take place 48 hours later than detailed in Orders 65 and 66. The C.R.A. 4th Australian Division will take over command at 12 noon, 5th April. The dates in the special instructions issued to Brigades with RELIEF WARNING ORDER of the 27th will similarly be postponed 48 hours. The 10th and 11th A.F.A. Brigades will therefore march on the 2nd and 3rd April respectively from this Area, and the "A" Echelon, 4th Aus. D.A.C., on April 2nd.

2. The 10th A.F.A. Brigade will occupy positions as follows on April 3rd at 8 p.m. :-

- 37th Battery - I 4 d 3 7 (takes over from "A" Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde.)
* 38th Battery - C 20 a 4 1 (takes over from "B" Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde.)
39th Battery - C 25 d 7 8 (takes over from "C" Battery, 5th A.F.A. Bde.)
110th (How) - C 25 b 1005 (takes over from 104th How. Battery).

at present unoccupied.

arrangements for reliefs being made by Brigade Commanders concerned.

3. The above 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Batteries, plus 45th and 46th Batteries (12th - ARMY - A.F.A. Brigade), will form the advance guard Artillery as from 4 p.m. April 4th, under the command of Lieut. Colonel G.H.M. KING, C.M.G., who will take over command of the advance guard Artillery from Lieut. Colonel WATTS D.S.O., at that hour.

4. Prior to 4 p.m., April 4th, the advance guard Artillery will be composed of the 4th A.F.A. Brigade 18-pr. Batteries, 110th How. Battery and the 45th and 46th Batteries.

5. The D.A.C. "A" Echelon will take over the advanced dump at H 17 a 2 5 at 9 a.m. 5th April and the 10th A.F.A. Brigade will take over ammunition from the Batteries relieved by them. The 11th A.F.A. Batteries will take over ammunition in echelons of the 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

6. The 10th A.F.A. Brigade will take over the wagon lines of the 5th A.F.A. Brigade and the 11th A.F.A. Brigade those of the 4th A.F.A. Brigade.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Table with 3 columns: Nos., COPIES, and recipient details (10th A.F.A. Bde., 11th A.F.A. Bde., 12th (ARMY) Bde., 4th A.D.A.C., File, War Diary, 4th Aus. Div., R.A., 1st ANZAC).

M. J. Bates Major, R.A., Brigade-Major, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

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ORDER NO. 68

HEADQUARTERS,
2nd April 1917.

REFERENCE 4th Aus. Div. Artillery ORDERS 65 and 67.

1. The 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery Brigades will not be relieved.
2. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Brigades will, after reconnaissance, go into positions from which the enemy's line between U 29 a 9 5 to Road W. of BULLENCOURT (U 27 b 0565 to U 21 b 5 6) can be engaged. These Brigades will go into action on a date to be settled later.
3. Os. C. Brigades, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery, will reconnoitre for wagon lines suitable for positions for the above.
4. Arrangements are now being made for tents and shelters.
5. The Artillery support of the "Advanced line of resistance" (late outpost line) will remain the same after noon 5th April as it was previously under the orders of the C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.
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4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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LEFT SECTOR ARTILLERY, 1st ANZAC. CORPS

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

covering period

6 p.m., 4th - 6 p.m., 5th April 1917

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VISIBILITY :- Fair.

OUR ARTILLERY :- Between 9.30 p.m. and 10 a.m., 300 rounds were fired on low ground in front of S.O.S. lines.
 Between 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., 30 rounds (4.5" Hows.) were fired on REINCOURT.
 At 11.30 a.m. 36 rounds were fired on party in vicinity of sunken road at D 13 c 7 5.
 12.15 p.m. 50 rounds were fired on Cross Roads in C 5 a and b.
 At 1.40 p.m. we fired on Cross Roads in C 6 d 9590 and C 6 d 6 7.
 2 p.m. 35 rounds were fired on REINCOURT.
 Between 2 p.m. and 2.30 p.m., 50 rounds were fired on enemy working party at D 7 d 2 8 to D 7 d 8 5. Party was dispersed.
 At the request of the Left Infantry Battalion we put up a barrage at C 5 b between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m..
 We also fired on enemy activity in C 4 b, C 5 a and b.
 In co-operation with Left Infantry Battalion in occupation of railway line in C 5 a, we fired 145 rounds.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- Particulars attached.

AIRCRAFT :- Our 'planes were active over REINCOURT and BULLECOURT between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m..
 Two hostile 'planes coming from the direction of NOREUIL flew over our lines, one at 2.40 and the other at 2.50 p.m..

MISCELLANEOUS :- REINCOURT Church spire was knocked down at 2.26 p.m..

G. Halford

Lieut.,
Staff Lieut.,
Left Sector Artillery, 1st ANZAC. Corps.

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REFERENCE MAPS
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET

ORDER No. 39.

HEADQUARTERS,
5th April, 1917.

1. In accordance with orders issued from 1st ANZAC Corps, and 4th Australian Division, the Field Artillery Brigades and D.A.C., 1st Australian Divisional Artillery will march from SPRING GARDENS Camp and X 2 3 as follows :-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Moves to</u>	<u>Route.</u>
6th April	2nd Bde A.F.A.	H S S (Wagon Lines)	BAPAUME.
7th April	1st Bde A.F.A. (less 1 section)	H S S (Wagon Lines)	BAPAUME.
7th April	1st Aus. Div. Asse. Column.	H S S (Wagon Lines)	LA BOISELLE. BAPAUME.

2. There will be no movement east of POZIERES before 10 a.m.
The 1st and 2nd Brigades will reach the main ALBERT-BAPAUME road from their camp at 10 a.m., and the 1st Aus. D.A.C. will pass LA BOISELLE cemetery at 11 a.m.
3. The following distances will be maintained :-
500 yards between Batteries
200 yards between Sections of Batteries and D.A.C..
4. Advance parties from Brigades and D.A.C. will meet the Staff Captain, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery, at the TOWN HALL, BAPAUME at 12 noon on the 6th for the 2nd Brigade, and on the 7th for the 1st Brigade and D.A.C..
5. The C.C. 2nd Aus. F.A. Brigade will report at Divisional Artillery Headquarters, 4th Australian Division, during the morning on the 6th instant.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Div. Artillery.

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LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

covering period
6 p.m., 5th - 6 p.m., 6th April 1917.
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VISIBILITY :- Good.

OUR ARTILLERY :- During the night we swept roads and valleys in our sector. We bombarded intermittently trench from C 12 b 2 3 to C 12 b 0 9 with concentrated fire. One of our Batteries bombarded railway line in C 5 a and C 4 b, at 3 a.m.. At noon we fired 50 rounds in C 6 Central at the request of the Infantry. During the day we carried out registrations and fired on movement in U 22 c 6 3. We fired on and dispersed a working party at D 7 b 7 1 to QUEANT TOWER. During the day registrations were successfully carried out. From 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. we bombarded the East end of BULLECOURT, and again at 4 to 4.30 p.m. with 4.5" Hows.. Minor operation was carried out in co-operation with the 13th Aus. Inf. Brigade for the purpose of extending posts along the railway line to C 4 b 7 7. The objective was gained. We put up a barrage in U 28 d at request of battalion Commander.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- Particulars attached.

AIRCRAFT :- One of our 'planes was brought down near LAGNICOURT.

GENERAL :- Two Railway engines were reported moving in the vicinity of station at D 2 d 5 7.

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

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for period

3 p.m., 6th - 6 p.m., 7th April 1917.
----- * -----OBSERVATION :- Fair with good intervals.OUR ARTILLERY :- Our How. Batteries carried out the bombardment of BULLECOURT as ordered. During the day we registered from new positions.HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- Particulars attached.GENERAL :- Movement.

Enemy were observed moving in rear of wire in D 7 b, D 8 a and c.

There were several parties between road D 7 b 6 2 and QUEANT TOWER D 8 c 3 8 in rear of wire. There has been 2 or 3 men in each party and they appear to be moving about and not working.

G.S. Wagons were observed moving to and from PRONVILLE using road in D 4 a and c. About 11 a.m. there were 2 going towards PRONVILLE and three going North. These three had white cover over them.

A great amount of movement was observed in rear of HINDENBURG LINE on ridge between QUEANT and PRONVILLE.

About 11.30 a.m., 8 horsemen were observed to come from N.E. of the HINDENBURGH LINE and then disappeared in a Northerly direction.

Position of observer was at C 17 d 7 4.

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Staff-Lieut.,

Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

LEFT SECTOR - FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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for period

6 p.m., 7th - 6 p.m., 8th April, 1917.

OBSERVATION :- Difficult early in the day, good later.

OUR ARTILLERY :- The bombardment of BULLECOURT by all available guns and howitzers (which was intermittent between 11 a.m., and 5.15 p.m., appeared very effective.

Wire cutting. Wire in front of BULLECOURT U 28 c 4 7 to U 28 a 5 0 does not appear to be well cut. The H.A. shooting was good but the explosion was too deep for maximum effect. Observer's position C 3 c 2 7.

Wire at 7 28 b 7 8, 7 28 b 9 8, U 29 b 0 6, U 29 a 65 is reported badly damaged.

During the night, firing for prevention of repair to wire, was carried out.

3 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. heavy bombardment of enemy lines between BULLECOURT and LONGATTE, also in trench junctions and road running back from U 29 a.

20 rounds were fired on working party at D 7 d 30 59 at 11.45 a.m., and 14 rounds on traffic at D 3 c 2 1.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- Enemy shelled sunken road C 10 a 7 0 with lachrymatory shells at about 8.30 p.m.
2.45 p.m. to 3.20 enemy shelled 37th Battery position.

ENEMY BALLOONS :- Enemy balloons 69⁰ T.B. from C 4 c 5500.
" " 18 " " C 4 c 5500.
" " 55 " " C 10 a 6515 - 7.30 a.m.

AERIAL ACTIVITY :- Our 'planes active during the day.
Enemy 'planes mostly behind their own lines.

GENERAL :- An officer's patrol found sunken road U 29 c 4 0 to C 5 b 4 8 unoccupied.

G. Halford

2nd Lieut.
Staff Lieutenant,
Left Sector - 1st ANZAC Artillery.

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for period

6 p.m., 8th - 6 p.m., 9th April 1917.

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OBSERVATION :- During morning, visibility low. Improved later.

OUR ARTILLERY :- From 9 to 11.40 a.m. we bombarded F.L.T. on the S.E. side of BULLECOURT, paying special attention to M.G.E.s at U 28 a 2007 and 7567. Enemy retaliation slight. During the night approached were shelled and during the day, when no special tasks were being performed, enemy wire was cut. At 3 p.m. bombardment was carried out on enemy trenches and new works in the vicinity of RIENCOURT by the Hows.. A suspected O.P. at U 27 a 9 4 was destroyed. From 5.30 a.m. and 5.40 a.m. and from 11.30 a.m. to 11.40 the E.F.L. was bombarded, lifting from front to support lines. Enemy wire is reported well cut at U 29 b 8 4, but intact from U 29 a 8 5 to U 29 b 4 5.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- Somewhat below normal. Enemy placed slight barrage south of Railway line in C 4 and 5. LONGATTE was shelled consistently during the day and night. The 43rd Battery position was shelled at irregular intervals with .77's and 4.2's from the direction of RIENCOURT.

GENERAL :- A helio. was seen flashing on high ground - T.B.9 1^o from C 9 d 9 5. An enemy flare dump appeared to be hit as a large number of green rockets went up. At 12.5 p.m. an enemy party of about 30 was seen at U 27 d 2 5 9. At 6 a.m. enemy sent up from BULLECOURT, rockets bursting into orange colored stars. Following this his Artillery barraged approximately line C 5 - C 4 b - V 28 c and d.

MOVEMENT :- Parties of 2 and 3 men were observed during the morning in U 22. 4 men walking in a S.W. direction towards HENDENCOURT on road at U 6 c, also wagons in the other direction at 4.45 p.m.. At 4.35 p.m. two parties of 10 men each were observed leaving BULLECOURT going towards RIENCOURT.

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Staff Lieutenant,
Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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- OBSERVATION :- Difficulty, owing to snow storms.
- OUR ARTILLERY :- During the day E.F.L. in our sector was heavily bombarded. Reported effective. BULLECOURT was shelled by our hows. At night 18-pre fired to prevent wire repairs and shelled roads and approaches. All Groups registered targets on their flanks so as to be able to render assistance outside their own zone.
- WIRE CUTTING :- Continued wire cutting. Wire reported cut from U 29 b 8 4 to U 30 a 1 3. Lane 60 yards wide U 29 b 4 6 and to the right; Lane 60 yards wide on east side of road U 29 b. Lane 100 yards wide to east of U 29 b 3 4. Wire damaged but impassable at U 29 a 7 6 except for small breach at U 29 a 8 4. Lane cut U 28 b 5 7 to U 28 b 7 8 though a good entrance cannot be guaranteed. U 30 a 4520 lane partly cut. U 29 b 2455 well cut about 60 yards clear. U 29 a 2 8 to 4 6 wire smashed but not quite clear. U 28 b 8 8 partly cut. U 28 b 4 9 partly cut. U 28 b 2 4 passable lane but wire not cleared.
- ENEMY ARTILLERY:- At 5.58 p.m., enemy was reported to be barraging BULLECOURT. Gun flashes of 77mm battery observed about V 13 c 8 2. Enemy H.V. shell landed in 4th A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters, killing 4 officers, including the C.O.
- MOVEMENT :- Much enemy movement particularly during afternoon. Wagons, moving both ways, on roads in U 6 c and U 12 c near chateau. 30 men were seen moving from chateau U 12 c across the open. Fire was brought to bear on them with good effect. Between 4 p.m., and 5.45 p.m., continual parties of 2 or 4 men moved from U 22 d 7035 and U 22 c 6 1 towards BULLECOURT. Parties on U 23 a and b moving towards REINCOURT were fired on by our artillery.
- AERIAL ACTIVITY:- Enemy 'planes flew low over our lines near BULLECOURT at 4 p.m. One of our 'planes came down under control, in C 8 d this afternoon.
- GENERAL :- A number of lights sent up bursting into green and red stars were answered by artillery fire on our front near U 28 a.

G Halford

2nd Lieutenant,
Staff Lieutenant,
Left Sector - 1st ANZAC Artillery.

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for period

6 p.m., 10th - 6 p.m., 11th April 1917.

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OBSERVATION :- Good.OUR ARTILLERY :- During night, engaged roads and approaches to prevent repairs to trenches and wire.Attacked HINDENBURGH LINE at 4.30 a.m..
(Detailed report has been sent to you).ENEMY ARTILLERY :- Normal.

Particulars of sound and flash bearings sent to Counter Batteries.

MOVEMENT :- At 7.40 p.m. report was received that wheeled transport was moving N.W. along CAGNICOURT Road in V 2 c, V 1 d and V 1 b. Also foot traffic along road U 2 c and movement in Chateau Wood U 22 c. The latter was fired on by the 111th How. Battery. 100 horsemen were seen moving on road from CAGNICOURT towards U 12 c.

Generally, movement of parties behind HINDENBURGH Line during the day, was above normal.

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Staff Lieut.,
Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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Headquarters,
4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.
5th. April, 1917.

- 4th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.
- 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.
- 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.
- C.R.A.
- C.R.E.
- A.D.M.S.

Preliminary instructions for Operations.

1. Preparations will be begun at once for driving the enemy from the HINDENBURG Line.
2. (a) The actual front to be attacked by the 4th. Aus. Division will be from about U.30.a.4.4. to U.28.b.3.9.
(b) The 4th. Aus. Infantry Brigade on the right will have its left about U.29.b.2.7. and 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will have its right about U.29.a.3.9 $\frac{1}{2}$.
3. The first task - to be done as soon as possible - is to make good the line of the railway, and, having done that, to vigorously patrol the ground N.E. of it and keep it clear of the enemy.
4. (a) The 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade will continue to hold the line for the present, and will tomorrow take over from the 62nd. Division as far as the line U.27.d.15.40 - G.3. Central thence along S.E. side of LONGATTE.
(b) At an early date the 1st. Aus. Div. will take over as far as the line G.12. Central - G.23. Central - MARICOURT WOOD which will become the right Divisional boundary.
(c) A day or two prior to the attack the 4th. and 12th. Aus. Inf. Bdes. will take over the line as follows - 4th. Bde. from about G.6.c.4.3. to G.5.d.0.5. and the 12th. Bde. from thence to the left.
5. Preliminary reconnaissances, will be begun at once by Officers of the 4th. and 12th. Aus. Inf. Bdes., so as to get thoroughly acquainted with their front and the approaches to it.
6. The Artillery of the 1st., 2nd. and 4th. Aus. Divs. is being put in position under orders of C.R.A. 4th. Aus. Div. The 5th. F.A. Brigade will be left at disposal of G.O.C. 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade and definite wire cutting tasks are being allotted to the remainder of the Artillery.
7. Work on Communications forward of VAULX will be pushed on at once under the general direction of the C.R.E. Two Companies, 5th. Aus. Pioneer Battalion have been specially detailed for this and they will be assisted by Field Companies and any available Infantry. The main Road VAULX - NOREUIL - LONGATTE will be concentrated on, also roads in NOREUIL Village itself.
8. Divisional H.Q. will be in G.26.d., and cable is being buried forward to NOREUIL, which will be Headquarters of both Infantry Brigades.
G.O's.C. 4th. and 12th. Aus. Infantry Brigades will communicate with G.O.C. 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade with a view to the selection of their Headquarters.

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

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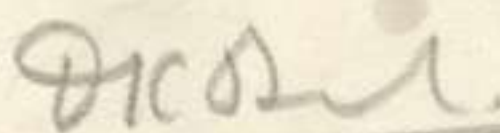
Headquarters,

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

9th April 1917.

4th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
 12th " " "
 13th " " "
 G. R. A.
 G. R. E.
 "C" Squadron, 13th A.L.H. Regt.

1. Strong patrols are being sent out by the 4th and 12th Aus. Infantry Brigades tonight to ascertain if the HINDENBURG Line is held.
2. In the event of the Line being reported unoccupied.
 - (a) The Brigadiers will immediately send forward troops to hold it.
 - (b) No advance will be made beyond the second trench during the night, but in the morning at an hour to be notified, 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade, supported by Tanks, will push forward and occupy RIENGOURT and the Line shown on attached Map.
 - (c) 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade (less 2 Battalions) will occupy the two main line trenches and will, if necessary, co-operate by guarding the left flank of the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
3. In the event of the Line being reported occupied.
 - (a) In certain eventualities orders may be issued for the trenches to be attacked at dawn.
 - (b) For the purpose of this operation, 12 Tanks will be sent forward, and the Infantry will not advance until the Tanks have reached the trenches.
 - (c) 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade (2 Battalions) and 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade (2 Battalions) will each attack on the frontages already selected for them.
 - (d) The attack will be carried out under a barrage, which will be communicated later.
 - (e) Zero hour will be 4.30 A.M.
4. After occupying the line the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will move forward as outlined in 2 (b).
5. "C" Squadron 13th A.L.H. Regiment and the two Reserve Battalions 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade are being sent up to near NOREUIL, to be at the disposal of G.O.C., 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade for operations in the morning.
6. One Battalion 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade will move up tonight and take over the front occupied by the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
7. Further details regarding the attack will be issued.



Lieut-Colonel.

G.O.C. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,

b 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

9th April 1917.

- 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
- 12th " " "
- 13th " " "
- C. R. A.
- O.G., TANKS.

In continuation of G.S./226 of today's date. In the event of the HINDENBURG Line being occupied and an attack against it in conjunction with Tanks being ordered, it will be carried out as under.

1. All troops will form up in rear of the jumping off trenches already marked out, under cover of the railway embankment and cutting.
2. At 4.30 A.M. the Artillery will put down a flank barrage on QUEANT and BULLECOURT, and the Tanks will move forward.
3. On reaching the trenches, and as soon as they have occupied them the Tanks will display a green disc, meaning "Come on" or make some other Prearranged signal.
4. The Infantry will then advance and occupy the trenches.
5. The Artillery flank barrage will be kept on until ordered to stop.
6. The Heavy Artillery are shelling BULLECOURT, RIENCOURT and the QUEANT Salient Trenches until 4.30 A.M.
7. As soon as the trenches have been made good the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will move forward as outlined in G.S./226, Para 2 (b). This subsequent operation will be supported by Tanks which will go to RIENCOURT and BULLECOURT.

D. H. C. S. M.
Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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APPENDIX

LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY

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INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1
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HEADQUARTERS,
6th April 1917.

1. In conjunction with the Vth Corps on our left, the 1st ANZAC. Corps is going to attack the HINDENBURG LINE.

The actual front to be attacked by the 4th Australian Division will be from about U 30 a 4 4 to U 28 b 3 9, while the 62nd Division will be attacking on the left of BULLECOURT. The question of dealing with BULLECOURT is still under consideration.

2. The objectives of the 4th Australian Division, so far as is ascertained at present, are as follows :-

Line Moulin Sans SOUCI RIENCOURT - U 22 a 9 5

while the Vth Corps subsequently capture the line REINCOURT - HENDECOURT.

For the latter operation the guns of Left Sector 1st ANZAC. must be prepared to barrage the line RIENCOURT - HENDECOURT exclusive.

3. The Artillery of the Left Sector will be grouped as follows :-

<u>4th Aus. Div. Arty.</u>)	10th A.F.A. Bde.
"P" GROUP)	11th A.F.A. Bde.
		under Command of Lieut.-Colonel G.H.M. KING, C.M.G..

<u>2nd Aus. Div. Arty.</u>)	4th A.F.A. Bde.
"Q" Group)	5th A.F.A. Bde.
		12th (ARMY) Bde.
		under Command of Lieut.-Colonel R.L.R. RABETT, C.M.G..

<u>1st Aus. Div. Arty.</u>)	1st A.F.A. Bde.
"M" GROUP)	(less 1 Sec.)
		2nd A.F.A. Bde.
		under Command of Lieut.-Colonel G.I. STEVENSON, C.M.G..

each Brigade in each Group forming a sub-group. The Group Commander will also Command his own Brigade.

4. As a preliminary measure the front will be divided into three Sectors as follows :-

"P" GROUP - U 27 b 6 2 to U 29 a 4 6

"Q" GROUP - U 29 a 4 6 to U 30 a 4 4

"M" GROUP - U 30 a 4 4 to C 6 b 6 4.

5. Group Commanders will report as soon as possible positions of Battery and Brigade O.P.'s. and will forward view reports for each O.P., on the 1/20,000 map hachuring all dead ground. It is essential that all parts of the front are under observation from somewhere.

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INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1 (Continued)
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6. Preliminary Artillery measures will be taken as follows and will start forthwith :-

A. 4.5" Howitzer bombardment of BULLECOURT by all available Howitzer Batteries on the village E. of road running N.E. through BULLECOURT from U 27 b 6 2 to U 27 b 9 9 to U 22 c 4 4, zones being allotted as follows -

"P" Group - S. of road U 27 b 7 5 to U 28 a 5025

"Q" Group - N. of above road and S. of line U 28 a 5025 to Church.

"M" Group - N. of line U 28 a 5025 to the Church.

Until 1st and 4th Divisional Artillery Brigades are in action "Q" Group will bombard the whole area.

Bombardments will take place at the hours to be notified in daily Task Programmes.

B. Wire-cutting by 4.5" Howitzers :-

(a) As a feint.

From U 30 a 4 4 to U 30 b 4 4, any kind of fuzes available to be used.

This will normally be the task of "M" Group, but till the 1st Australian Divisional Artillery are in action, the O.C. "Q" Group will arrange for this to be carried out daily.

(b) In earnest.

"P" Group - From U 28 b 1 7 to U 29 a 4 6

"Q" Group - From U 29 b 0 6 to C 30 a 4 4

after the arrival of 101 E fuzes.

C. Prevention of repair to wire cut by Heavy Artillery or 4.5" Hows., special attention being paid to two zones mentioned in B (b) above, and also to the South and East fronts of BULLECOURT.

Commencing on the night of the 7th/8th, Groups will arrange to keep up an 18-pr. fire for the prevention of repair to wire at a rate of 190 rounds per 9 hours of darkness per 300 yards of target.

D. Calibration of guns where necessary and all necessary registration.

E. Registration by all guns and Howitzers of the spur in V 19 d and 25 b, with a view to a concentration of gun fire on it.

7. Group Commanders will send in ^{ed}detail/reports of the state of the wire on their front daily - commencing the 7th - by evening D.R.L.S..

The Heavy Artillery are cutting ^{wire} daily now.

The careful compilation of these reports from close observation of F.O.O.'s is very important.

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=INSTRUCTIONS No. 1 (Continued)

8. There are at present no limits on ammunition expenditure. It is governed purely by what the Brigades can bring up and shoot and at the same time accumulate a dump of 600 rounds per 18-pr. gun, and 400 rounds per 4.5" How. Dumps must be constantly maintained at a strength of 300 rounds A and AX and 250 rounds BX or other natures.

Detailed orders re ammunition supply are being issued.

9. Group Headquarters:-

Group Headquarters will be so sited as to prevent the necessity for an early move after the attack.

10. No information can be given as to time available, but it is known to be very short.

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

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ORDER NO. 2

HEADQUARTERS,
8th April 1917.

1. On and from 7 p.m. April 8th, the defence arrangements ordered in ORDER NO. 1 will be cancelled, so far as paras. 2, 3 and 4 are concerned.
2. "P" and "Q" Groups will be responsible for covering the Infantry of the 12th and 4th Australian Infantry Brigades respectively for S.C.S. purposes.
3. Each Group will use 1 Brigade of Artillery for this purpose.
4. The dividing line between Groups on their S.O.S. barrage lines will be the road C 5 a 5 0 - U 25 d 1 8, inclusive for both Groups.
5. Each Group will find a Liaison Officer with the Infantry Brigade Headquarters C 10 c 8 1 for the 12th Australian Infantry Brigade and near NOREUIL for the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade and will establish the necessary telephonic communications.
6. Groups will adjust their barrage line in consultation with the Infantry Brigadier concerned, and in all ways will co-operate closely with the Infantry Brigades.
7. Copies of the Liaison Officers' duties will be distributed to all concerned.
8. Group Commanders, in the event of a serious attack, will reinforce their barrage with their remaining Batteries.
9. "M" Group will not open fire for an S.O.S. call unless ordered to do so from this Headquarters or at the discretion of the Group Commander.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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- 62 " 13th " " ")
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ORDER No. 3

HEADQUARTERS,
8th April, 1917.

Reference map 1/20,000.

1. Commencing the morning of the 9th instant, Infantry Brigades in the Line are to be ready to send forward strong patrols to reconnoitre the line between U 30 a 2 9 and U 27 b 7 1.
2. A barrage will be required, details being given in a separate order later.
3. If the Line is found unoccupied the following advance guard will be held ready to move forward:-
Advance Guard composition:-
Commander
G.O.C., 4th Australian Infantry Brigade.
"B" Squadron 13th A.L.H.
11th Brigade A.F.A. - less 43rd Battery - plus 38th Battery.
2 Sections 4th Australian Field Company.
4th Australian Infantry Brigade.
4. The above batteries will be ready for instart movement.
5. Subsequent orders will be issued later re the move of the rest of the 4th Aus. Divisional Artillery.
6. O.C. 11th A.F.A. Brigade will report to the G.O.C., 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade at NOREUIL at 9 a.m. on the 9th instant.
7. O.C. "A" Echelon, 4th Aus. D.A.C. will have No.1 section ready to move at short notice.
8. Arrangments as per attached paper (10th, 11th, and D.A.C., copies only) have been made with O's C. Wagon Lines, and D.A.C. Section, re completing horses, etc.
9. Preparations for the operation outlined in Instructions No.1 will continue.
10. Acknowledge.

A. Mate,

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

Issued to :-

- No.1 to 10th A.F.A. Brigade.
- 2 11th A.F.A. Brigade.
- 3 D.A.C. "A" Echelon.
- 4 "Q" Group.
- 5 "M" Group.
- 6 D.A.C. Headquarters.

Issued at 1.30 A.M.,
9th instant.

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- 8 4th Aus. Division.)for information.
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- 10 War Diary.
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LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY

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HEADQUARTERS,
9th April 1917.

T A S K T A B L E

for

10th April and night 10/11th.



1. HOWITZERS :-

- A. Howitzers. All Groups.
Bombardment BULLECOURT inside Group Zones.
2 to 2.30 p.m.. Ammunition - BX
Rate of fire - 1 1/2 rounds per gun per minute.
101 E fuzes not to be used.
- B. "P" Group Howitzers continue wire cutting all round BULLECOURT Salient.
101 E fuzes as available. This wire must be cut.
- C. "M" Group Howitzers.
Wire cutting M 30 a 4 4 to U30 b 5 0. 50% 101 E fuzes.
Registration of QUEANT Salient from Divisional boundary to Road D 7 d 2 8 and QUEANT itself.

2. 18-PRS :-

- A. Prevention of repair of defences at night, as for night 9th/10th. All Groups must find out from Infantry Brigades what their patrols are doing and govern their action accordingly.
- B. Shelling Roads and approaches as on night 8th/9th.
- C. "Q" Group in addition, prevent work on RIENCOURT defences.
- D. "M" Group will also thoroughly search the Western slopes of spur in V 19 and V 25.
- E. All Groups will arrange for registration of HINDENBURGH LINE outside the flanks of their Group Zones inside the Divisional boundaries. This is to allow for sudden changes in Group zone boundaries.
- F. All Groups will be prepared to bombard at short notice in addition to the above programme.

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. W. J. J. J.

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

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9th April 1917.

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1. Strong patrols are being sent out by the 4th and 12th Australian Infantry Brigades to-night to ascertain if the enemy's line is held.
2. If reported unoccupied, the Infantry will occupy it immediately, but in the morning, at an hour to be notified later, the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will advance - supported by Tanks - and occupy RIENCOURT and the line shown on attached map (Brigade copies only).
3. If the line is reported held, an attack - supported by Tanks - may take place.
Zero hour - 4.30 a.m.

The Infantry will not advance till the Tanks have reached the trenches.

2 Battalions, 4th Australian Infantry Brigade, and 2 Battalions 12th Australian Infantry Brigade, will attack on the following fronts :-

4th Aus. Inf. Bde. - U 30 a 1540 to U 29 b 0550

12th Aus. Inf. Bde. - U 29 a 6560 to U 28 b 4570

4. After occupying the enemy's trenches, the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade will move forward as outlined in 2.
5. In the case of 2 being successfully carried out, so far as the HINDENBURGH LINE is concerned, the S.O.S. barrage for the Artillery will be as follows :-

U 28 a 2005 along F.L.T. to U 28 a 8 8, thence to U 22 c 9520 to U 22 d 4 1 to U 22 d 9595 to U 32 d 0570 to U 24 c 5 3 to U 30 d 6570, thence along QUEANT Salient F.L.T. to Railway line C 6 c 8 505.

The dividing lines between Groups on this barrage line will be :-

U 23 c 2 9 for "P" and "Q" Groups and U 24 c 5 3 for "Q" & "M" Groups, all boundaries inclusive.

"P" and "M" Groups will arrange for the flank barrages to be put down independently of the rest if required by the Infantry. Enfilade fire will be used on these flank barrages as much as possible.

6. In the event of an advance to the line shown on the attached map being carried out, it is expected that the Tanks will form the barrage during the advance. Flanking barrages however, may be required. These will be as follows :-

LEFT :- Line of road U 22 c 5 9 to U 16 d 5 2

RIGHT:- U 30 a 4 4 to U 18 d 7 2.

"P" Group and "M" Group will be responsible for the LEFT and RIGHT barrage respectively.

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NO. 2 (Contd.)

7. After gaining the objective, the S.O.S. line will be as follows :

U 22 c 5 9 to U 16 d 5 2 to U 17 c 6 2 -
U 17 d 4 5 - U 18 Central to U 18 d 7 2
to U 30 a 4 4.

Group boundaries on this line will be :-

"P" and "Q" Groups :- U 17 c 6 2

"Q" and "M" Groups :- U 18 d 7 2.

8. Tanks will at some period, clear up BULLECOURT and prior to this, Left Flank barrage may be required to be extended to U 27 b 7 2.

9. The Right Flank barrage may also be required on the QUEANT Salient down to U 6 b 9 1.

10. Howitzers may also be required to bombard BULLECOURT and its trenches during the advance.

11. 11th A.F.A. Brigade - less 43rd Battery, plus 38th Battery - will still hold itself in readiness to advance as already ordered.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.
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ARTILLERY INSTRUCTIONS

NO 2 (ADDENDA)

HEADQUARTERS,
9th April 1917.

REFERENCE MAP 1/10,000.

1. REFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2
 2. In the event of the HINDENBURGH LINE being held by the enemy and an attack against it being ordered - supported by Tanks, it will be carried out as follows :-

Troops will form up in rear of the jumping-off trenches already marked out, under cover of the Railway embankment and cutting.
April 10th
 3. At 4.30 a.m./the Artillery will put down flank barrages as follows :-

"P" GROUP :- U 28 a 2005 - U 28 a 8 8 - U 22 c 5 9
 "M" GROUP :- C 6 b 8505 - U 30 d 5095 - U 30 a 7 6

 and the Tanks will move forward.
 4. On reaching trenches, Tanks will display a green disc meaning "COME ON" for our Infantry. The Infantry then advance and occupy the trenches.
 5. The flank barrages will remain on till ordered to stop by either Infantry Brigadiers or this Office.
- RATES OF FIRE :-
 18-prs. - 3 rounds per gun per minute.
 4.5" Hows.- 1½ " " " " "
- Groups will employ 2 Batteries Howitzers and 3 Batteries 18-prs.,
6. When the trenches have been made good, the Infantry will again move forward as indicated in para. 6, INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2. Tanks will then also clear BULLECOURT and RIENCOURT.
 7. Protective barrages described in INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2, para. 5 and para. 7, will hold good, as may be required by circumstances.
 8. H.A. are shelling RIENCOURT and BULLECOURT till 4.30 a.m., and QUEANT Salient throughout the operation; also vigorous Counter-Battery work.
 9. Communication must be maintained between O.Ps. and Btys. & Batteries and Groups at all costs.
 10. Reports to be sent to this Office.
 11. ACKNOWLEDGE BY WIRE.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Head quarters,

9th April 1917.

Signalling Instructions

1. The following will be the signalling arrangements for the attack on the HINDENBURG Line by the 4th Aus. Division.

2. Between Divisional Headquarters and 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade Headquarters. Buried Cable and Wireless.

Between Divisional Headquarters and 4th Aus. Inf. Brigade Headquarters. Buried Cable.

The 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade Headquarters is connected by telephone to 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade H.Q. so that Wireless and Power Buzzer messages can be telephoned on to them.

Between Divisional Headquarters and Artillery Groups. Buried and Ground Cables.

3. Forward of Brigade Headquarters (NOREUIL).

(i) Ground Cable to both advanced Brigade Headquarters at C.5.central (4th Aus. Inf. Bde) and U.28.d.3.0. (12th Aus. Inf. Bde).

(ii) (a) An Amplifier at 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade Headquarters working with Power Buzzers at both the advanced Brigade Headquarters.

(b) An Amplifier at each advanced Brigade Headquarters, working with Power Buzzers, two of which will be carried forward into the second German Line by each Brigade, so they will go in rear of the second wave.

(iii) A Trench Wireless Set will push forward into RIENCOURT with the Battalions attacking that village. This set will link up direct with any Wireless Set in rear.

4. (a) A central Visual Station G.K.V. will be established at C.9.d.5.9., which will receive all visual messages from the captured positions. This Station will be connected to the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade Headquarters by cable.

(b) The exact location of this Station, both on the ground and on the map, must be explained to all signallers, including Regimental.

(c) Each message to this Station must be sent in its entirety, and then sent twice again.

5. Pigeons. Pigeons will be allotted to each attacking Brigade.

6. As each Brigade advances to the attack one pair of lines per Brigade will be taken forward from each Advanced Brigade Headquarters by the centre Battalion. The Party paying out these lines will move in rear of the rear wave. Further

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lines will be run out subsequently as opportunity arises, but all these lines, Infantry and Artillery, will follow the same route, and one maintenance party will be detailed.

7. The position of each Advanced Brigade Headquarters must be communicated to all Signallers and Runners, so that they may know exactly where to take messages for transmission.

8. The following additional personnel will be provided - 3 O.R. 4th Aus. Inf. Bde. To carry Wireless Set to RIENCOUR
 6 Visual Signallers
 2 Telephonists
 1 Linesman
 (with necessary equipment) } 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. To work Central Visual Station.

The above will report at 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade Headquarters at midnight before the attack.

9. The ordinary rules regarding communication with Aircraft will be carried out. When a Battalion or Brigade moves forward into the captured position, it will immediately display its ground sheet and strips.

10. On each Brigade front, all signal arrangements, both of the Infantry and the Artillery supporting them, will be under the control of the Infantry Brigade Section Officer, who will be responsible for providing the necessary personnel for the advanced exchanges etc.

G.K. Bernard:

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

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 54.

Headquarters,

Reference Map 1/20,000.

10th April 1917.

1. (a) The 4th Australian Division will attack the HINDENBURG Line and push on to RIENCOURT tomorrow morning, on the front U.30.a.1.5. to U.28.b.5.9.
- (b) When these objectives have been captured the 4th Cavalry Division will send at least one Regiment through our lines.
2. (a) Zero hour will be 4.30 A.M.
- (b) One hour prior to that time the Tanks will be formed up ready to move forward.
3. The 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade (4 Battalions) and the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade (2 Battalions) will form up behind their jumping off trenches under cover of the railway line.
4. The attack will be carried out as under :-
 - 4.30 A.M. Tanks move forward as in sketch 1. Their advance will be covered as far as possible by Machine Gun fire.
 - 4.45 A.M. Infantry move forward and occupy HINDENBURG Line.
5. (a) After capture of enemy's trenches (two) the Right Brigade will advance on RIENCOURT. This Brigade will also be responsible for securing the right flank in the captured position. The advance on RIENCOURT will be supported by Tanks, and consolidation will be effected on pink line shown in attached map.
- (b) One Battalion of the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will follow the four Tanks into BULLECOURT for Mopping Up purposes. This Battalion will, if necessary, be replaced in the captured trenches by another Battalion of the 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade which will be held ready.
- (c) Special Signal and Liaison arrangements will be made for this Battalion to notify promptly when it goes into BULLECOURT, so that 62nd Division may be informed and come forward.
6. Artillery arrangements will be as under -
 - 4.30 A.M. Heavy Artillery continue to shell BULLECOURT, RIENCOURT and QUEANT Salient (no increase of night rate).
 - 4.45 A.M. Field Artillery barrage will be placed on each flank.

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- 5 A.M. All Artillery fire on BULLECOURT ceases, to let four Tanks followed by a Battalion enter BULLECOURT and mop it up.
- 5.15 A.M. Heavy Artillery fire on RIENCOURT ceases and begins to creep back.
- 5.15 A.M. Field Artillery barrage on QUEANT switches back to permit two Tanks to go along. This barrage is resumed at 5.45 A.M.
- 5.30. A.M. A barrage will be put down round RIENCOURT.

NOTE: There will be no barrage beyond the captured position, but an S.O.S. line will be arranged and fired on upon an S.O.S. Signal.

7. Tanks will act as in 3 sketches attached.
8. (a) The line will be held after the advance has gone forward by the 51st Battalion and another Battalion to be detailed by 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade, supported on the right by the 6th Aus. M.G. Company which will be at the disposal of G.O.C., 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
- (b) "C" Squadron, 13th A.L.H. Regiment will be in reserve near NOREUIL ready to move forward.
9. A Contact Aeroplane will fly over the lines at 6 A.M. and 8 A.M., when flares will be lit.
10. Watches will be synchronized with Divisional Signal Company at 9 P.M. and 1 A.M.
11. Special arrangements regarding communications have been made and notified to all concerned.
12. Acknowledge.

D.K. Bernard:

Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

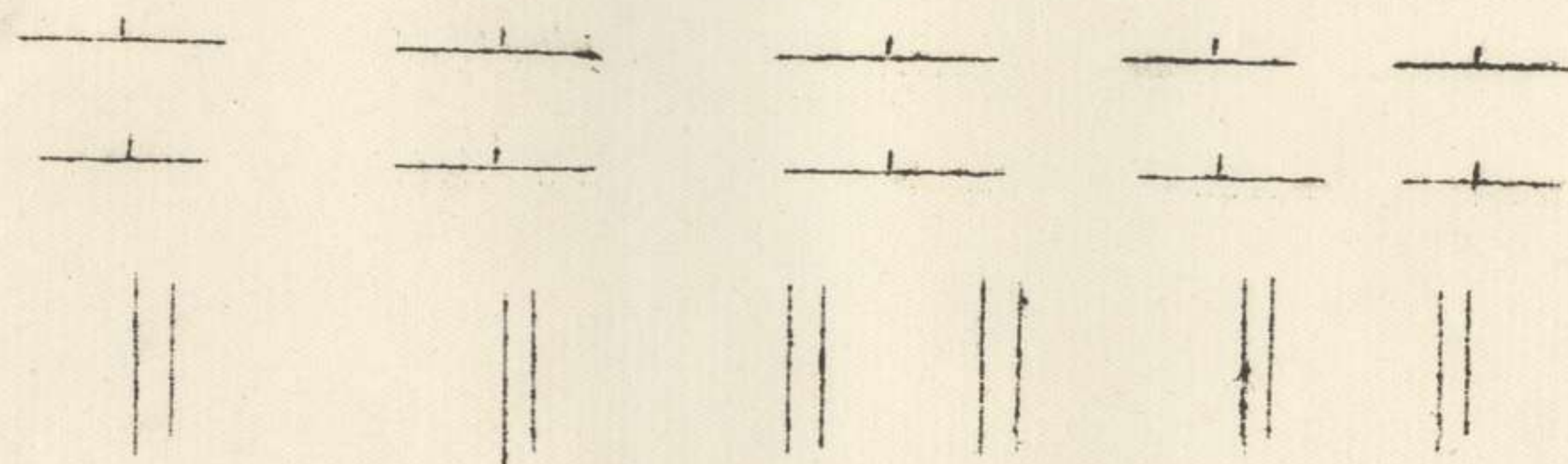
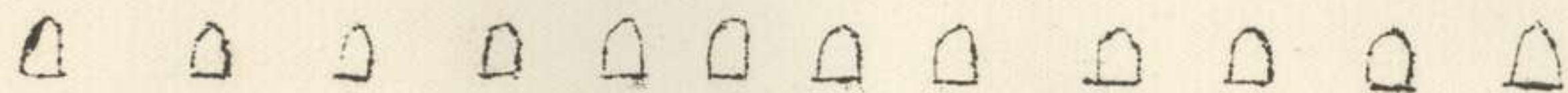
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Fig 1

Formation in Original Advance
towards Hindenburg Line.



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Tanks go into trench first &
Infantry follow at fixed hour.

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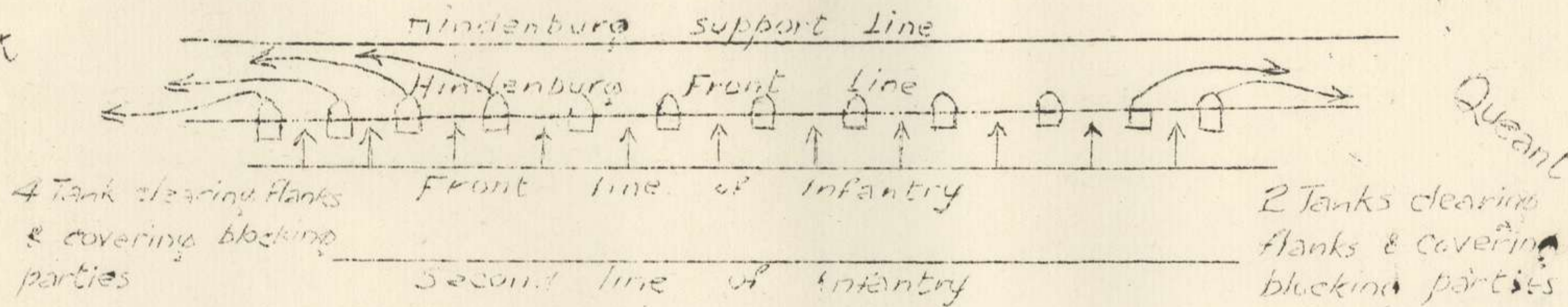
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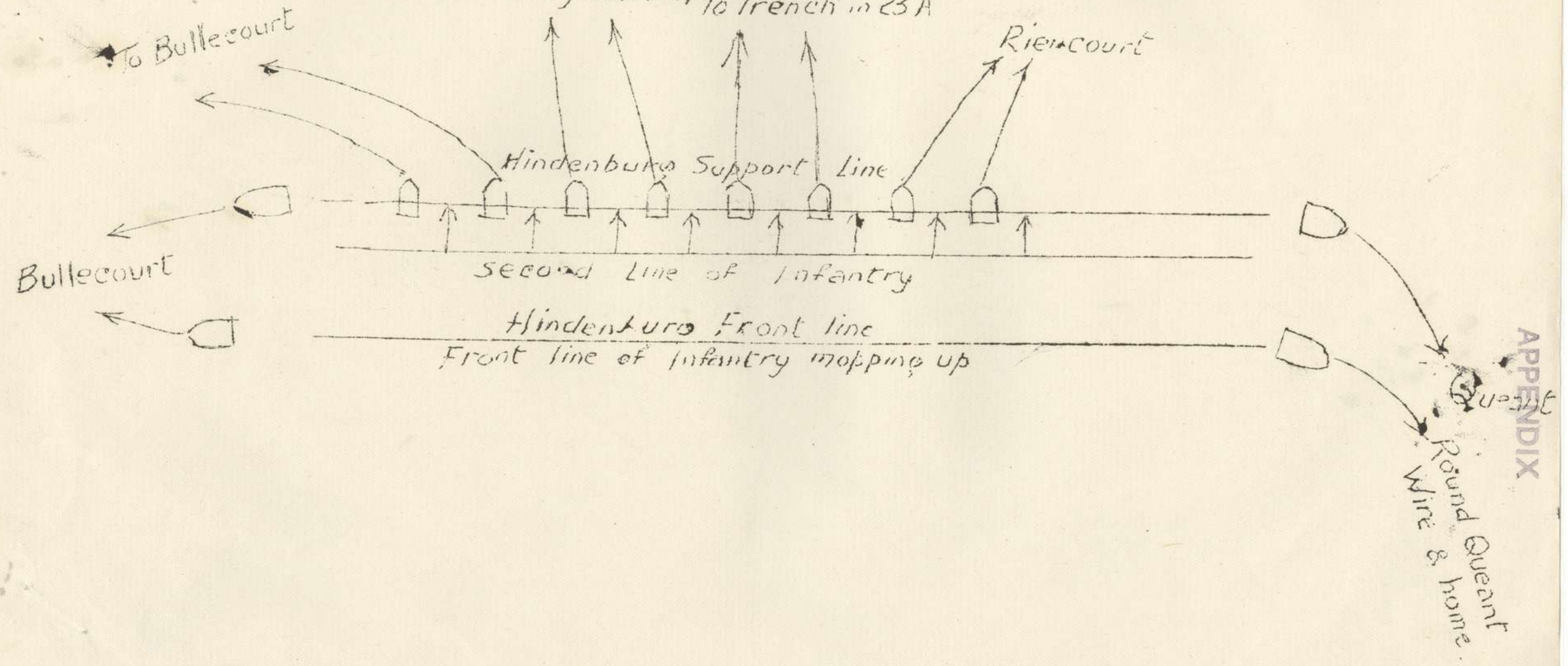
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Fig 3

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ORDER NO. 4

REFERENCE ECOUST 1/10,000 &
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HEADQUARTERS,
10th April 1917.

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 6.
 - 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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- 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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(To accompany Left Sector, 1st AmZAC.
ORDER NO. 4)

S E C R E T

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 1. of line 300 yards from HINDENBURCH 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.	B 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>omit</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.	18-prs. - 3 rounds per gun per minute <u>4.5" Hows</u> 2 " " " " "
	5.15 a.m. to 5.45 a.m.	18-prs. 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 - C 6 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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LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY*CONFIDENTIALR E P O R Ton operations of the 11th AprilHEADQUARTERS,
11th April 1917.

After the advance of the Tanks and the putting down of the flank barrages at 4.45 a.m., there was no enemy response till 4.54 a.m. and then a weak barrage would seem to have been put down.

At 5.35 a.m. a F.O.O. reported that both RIENCOURT and BULLECOURT had been "captured" by the Tanks.

By 5.50 the enemy was shelling his old front line and wire.

At 6.20, men were seen leaving BULLECOURT in extended order towards RIENCOURT. It could not be stated whether they were our men or not. At the same time it was reported that by an observer that BULLECOURT was ours, but not cleaned up. Machine gun fire was still coming from it.

Our Infantry were seen in the HINDENBURGH LINE at U 22 c 5 3 at 6.35 a.m..

At 6.50 a.m. F.O.O. reported our men beyond RIENCOURT.

At 7.5 a.m., 2 Tanks were seen moving from U 29 b to U 29 a and then out of view.

At 7.10 a.m. reports were received that 4 Tanks could be seen stuck and also that prisoners were being sent back.

At 7.50 the same observer reported a Company of Infantry moving from U 29 b to a as if making for BULLECOURT.

At 7.45 an observer saw a Tank at U 23 c moving towards RIENCOURT.

At 7.50 enemy was reported massing in U 22 d and 22 c and were engaged.

At 8.30, after it had been queried, a Group reported that 2 observers had seen 2 tanks followed by a Company of Australian troops moving down the slopes in U 17 d, then lost to view and then re-appear, to be lost in trees round HENDECOURT.

After this message, there was a gap in the information received, and the position in BULLECOURT was described in contradictory terms from various sources, and finally it was decided to barrage the S.E. face of the Village and shell it with heavies.

At 11.10 a.m. however, an aeroplane dropped a message at 4th A.F.A. Brigade Headquarters stating that our troops were in the trench S.W. of BULLECOURT at 10.30 a.m., and the bombardment was postponed, though in view of the precarious position of the left flank of the 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade the flank barrage was kept up.

After this, events moved rapidly.

At 11.45 a.m. reports were received at D.A. Headquarters that the 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade were coming back from the enemy's line in U 28 b followed by Germans, in skirmishing order, and shortly afterwards the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade followed suit.

At 11.55 a.m. the Corps Commander ordered BULLECOURT to be shelled by H.A. at which hour all our Infantry were reported back on the Railway line.

At 12.1 p.m. a report was received from ANZAC. H.A. Survey Group that a party of 100 Australians was retiring from RIENCOURT towards BULLECOURT and that 2 other parties were leaving HENDECOURT in skirmishing order. These were obviously those who had followed the 2 Tanks reported at 8.30 a.m..

At 12.30 p.m. firing was slowed down and ceased soon after 1 p.m..

During the operation, numerous small parties of the enemy were engaged by our guns, inside the QUEANT Salient and

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LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYR E P O R Ton operations of the 11th April

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between HENDECOURT and RIENCOURT.
Several N.F. calls were passed on to Counter Batteries
Group and one at U 22 c 1 9 engaged by Field Artillery.
At 1.45 p.m. large bodies of troops reported moving
about HENDECOURT were engaged by several Batteries.

Communications were good throughout.

The operations at their commencement were carried out
exactly as in LEFT SECTOR, 1st ANZAC. ARTILLERY ORDER
NO. 4 of the 10th April.

Charles Rosenthal

Brigadier-General,
Commdg. Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

4th Australian Division.
R.A., 1st ANZAC.. (2)

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 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.

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PREVENTION OF REPAIR

Battery	Task	Zone

APPROACHES

Battery	Task	Zone

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LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY



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HEADQUARTERS,
12th April 1917.

R.A.,
1st ANZAC.

- WIRE RECONNAISSANCE -

Major R.C. Mc JAY, 46th Battery 12th (ARMY) A.F.A.
Brigade, reports as follows :-

" U 28 b 7 8 to U 28 b 9 8 - Wire blown away altogether, with a few stakes still standing on the right hand end.

U 28 b 9 8 to U ²⁹ a 0580 - The only damage here is a single burst in the centre of the wire about U 28 b 9580. A track could be made here.

U 29 a 0580 - The wire is very thin and there may be a track through. It is not more than 5 feet wide.

From U 29 a 0580 to road at U 29 a 8550 the wire is thick and in moderately good order. In several places (notably at U 29 a 7050) the stakes were blown about but no wire was cut.

On the road at U 29 a 8550 a tank seems to have crossed the wire and left a practicable track.

From U 29 a 8550 to U 29 b 3545 the wire is extremely strong and thick and seems in 1st class order. No opening could be seen at all.

From U 29 b 3550 to U 29 b 6045, the wire has been blown away leaving a few scattered stakes and stumps about 6 inches high. At the eastern end the damage is not quite so complete.

From U 29 b 6045 to U 30 a 4 4, the wire is well constructed but is becoming very damaged. A 6" Howitzer was shooting well on the wire and had a small lane about 5 yards wide at U 30 a 2 3. The whole of this Section is knocked about considerably, but being originally very thick, it still forms a fair obstacle: as it is, I think men could pass through it, but not rapidly.

The wire of the second line is only visible occasionally in the bottom of the Valley U 29 a. It seems thin and not in good order. In U 29 b it seems to have been knocked about badly as only patches were visible.

The wire round RILMCOURT is fairly intact and is 15 to 20 yards deep in places. Infantry who were out yesterday reported that they saw no gaps in it. " Ends.

The above report should be read in conjunction with that rendered yesterday. The two reports I consider, form a reliable basis to work on.

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Commdg. Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artv..

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CONFIDENTIAL / LEFT SECTOR - FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

For period 6 p.m., 11th - 6 p.m., 12th April, 1917.

OBSERVATION :- Poor.

WIRE CUTTING :- Special report is being sent to you.

OUR ARTILLERY :- At 8.3 a.m., an enemy battalion was observed at U 18 c 3014 going towards HENDECOURT. The 37th Battery fired 67 rds with good effect inflicting many casualties. At 9.30 a.m., a battalion at the same place (apparently the same battalion) formed up, was fired on and scattered, many casualties being observed. Each ~~xxx~~ Group carried out tasks for the prevention of wire repairs, by bursts of fire, also the shelling of enemy lines of communication. BULLECOURT was shelled by howitzers. We observed good detonations, much brick work being thrown up. The rear of the village appears more destroyed than the front. Our 110th Howitzer Battery dispersed working party of about 200 men (apparently making a trench, or wiring) at U 17 d 73. At 1.45 p.m., we fired 26 rounds and dispersed working party at D 3 b. 35 rounds were fired on suspected O.P. at U 12 c 5012. At 2.35 p.m., ten rounds were fired at parties in U 17 b and d moving towards REINCOURT. Our 60-prs observed to do good work on enemy troops in forenoon.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY

:- Normal.

At 1.30 p.m., enemy 4.2 appeared to be shelling his own wire in front of BULLECOURT. 8 or 9 rockets were sent up from F.L.T. and shelling ceased. About 100 rounds of 77 fell in C 2 a from a north easterly direction. At 1.15 p.m., flares from centre of BULLECOURT were seen, following this his artillery fired on railway embankment, and on west end of BULLECOURT. NOREIL intermittently shelled during morning.

MOVEMENT

!- 9.20 a.m., 2 horsemen rode out of REINCOURT towards HENDECOURT. Movement of small parties between the above villages reported from all Groups.

AERIAL ACTIVITY:- 12.40 p.m., one of our monoplanes was brought down, falling into LAGNICOURT. Enemy 'plane flew fairly low over our lines at 11 a.m., but was not fired on by A.A. guns.

GENERAL

:- Very loud explosion in BULLECOURT at 12.20 p.m. A track in the snow was clearly visible running N.E. past U 12 c 42 where a dug-out is suspected. New earth is visible and also a number of telephone wires lead to it. Men have been seen to disappear at this point. The tank at U 28 a 63 was entered by 4 men at 9.30 a.m. 5 p.m. - two small fires, 50 yards apart, were observed in C 5 a .

G Halford

2nd Lieutenant,
Staff Lieutenant,
LEFT SECTOR 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY

CONFIDENTIAL.LEFT SECTOR - FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.OPERATIONS SUMMARY.Week ending 8 a.m., 13th April, 1917.

- 6th April, 1917. Successful minor operation in co-operation with 13th Australian Infantry Brigade for the purpose of extending posts along railway line to C 4 b 77. During night we swept roads and valleys on our front.
- 7th April, 1917. BULLECOURT was bombarded by howitzers. Registrations from new positions.
- 8th April, 1917. Bombardment of BULLECOURT with guns and Hows. between 11 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.. Appeared very effective. Wire cutting on our front. 3 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. heavy bombardment of enemy lines in front of BULLECOURT.
- 9th April, 1917. From 9 till 11.40 a.m. bombarded F.L.T. and on S.E. side of BULLECOURT paying special attention to M.G.'s at U 28 a 2007 and 7567. At 3 p.m., bombardment by hows of defences near REINCOURT. Night firing to prevent wire repairs.
- 10th April, 1917. During day F.L.T. heavily bombarded with good effect. BULLECOURT shelled by howitzers. Continued wire cutting. Night firing on enemy communications and for prevention of wire repairs.
- 11th April, 1917. At 4.30 a.m., we attacked the HINDENBURG LINE in front of BULLECOURT and REINCOURT assisted by tanks. The infantry penetrated REINCOURT and part of BULLECOURT but were unable to remain owing to M.G. fire interfering with supplies to advanced sections.
- 12th April, 1917 to 8 a.m.,
13th April, 1917. Each Group carried out firing to prevent enemy repairing his defences, and also shelled his communications. Special attention paid to BULLECOURT - HENDECOURT road, and roads leading into REINCOURT from BULLECOURT and HENDECOURT. Continued wire cutting.

CM [Signature]
2nd Lieutenant,
Staff Lieutenant,
Left Sector - 1st ANZAC Artillery.

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LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY

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HEADQUARTERS,
14th April 1917.

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

for period

6 p.m. 12th - 6 p.m., 13th April
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THIS OBSERVATION :- Good.

OUR ARTILLERY :- During night, fired to prevent wire repairs. At 10.50 engaged working party at U 17 Central, with casualties. Wire cutting by our Hows.. A lane has been cut between U 28 c 0595 and U 28 c 4 8. An enemy Battery was located by flash at U 17 a 2095. This target was engaged at 4.10 p.m. by 6 18-pr. Batteries each firing 20 rounds, assisted by 60-prs. and Heavies. As a result an explosion was observed. We paid particular attention to probable routes of egress from REINCOURT Area as his sudden bursts of fire suggested his methods immediately before his previous evacuations.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- 60 gas shells fell at C 2 a 2015 about 1.45 p.m. The shells burst on percussion with practically no noise and only a little white smoke was visible. The fumes were strong but gas helmets proved effective. The calibre appeared to be 77 mm. It is reported that at 12.40 p.m. BULLECOURT was shelled by enemy Heavies. T.S.B. 50° from C 3 c 1520. A period of intense enemy activity occurred at 9 p.m. when the South of NOREUIL was swept and searched by 5.9's, 4.2's and 77mm's. Some ~~xxxx~~ were gas shells. This occurred again at 1 p.m.. The fire was at the rate of about 30 rounds per minute.

MOVEMENT :- Small parties of enemy moving in D 8 a and b also V 26 c and d, all day.

GENERAL :- Hostile working party of about 200 again observed at U 17 d Central. Our Heavies blew up what appeared to be a dug-out at U 28 a 5 7. A man and many papers blown about 40 feet high. Heavies caused considerable damage to BULLECOURT but a number of buildings seem still intact. The conspicuous white tower in REINCOURT has disappeared. Several enemy balloon bearings sent to Counter Batteries during day. Suspected O.P. in Windmill T.B. 44° from C 3 c 1520.

G Halford

2/Lieut.,
Staff Lieut
Left Sector 1st Anzac Artillery
Lieut

LEFT SECTOR - FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.For period 8 p.m., 13th - 6 p.m., 14th April, 1917.

OBSERVATION :- Good.

OUR ARTILLERY:- At 2 p.m., an observer was seen in a tree at U 24 a 3520. He was shelled and brought down and the tree damaged.

We have been cutting enemy wire during the day, and carrying out the usual preventative measures against wire repairs at night. Also shelling villages and lines of communication.

ENEMY ARTILLERY:- On the evening of the 13th, an enemy H.V. gun fired 30 rounds on LONGATTE from HENDECOURT.

Numerous reports of enemy shelling were passed on to Counter Batteries during the day.

8.15 p.m., enemy shelled railway embankment S.E. of BULLECOURT with 5.9's.

Enemy used gas shells during the day.

8 a.m., hostile plane was over vicinity of NOREUIL registering 4.2 and 5.9 batteries. It was driven off by a monoplane on one occasion, and by A.A. guns on another.

MOVEMENT :- All day movement of small parties in BULLECOURT & HENDECOURT - REINCOURT district. Many of these parties were ~~forced on~~ ^{forced on} by our artillery. The observer states that most movement was towards the east; very little to the west.

Strong working party (at times 400 men) noticed this morning on road U 18 c 03 to U 17 d 88 and was dispersed by our fire. There seems to be an important work under construction here.

Numbers of small enemy parties in marching order reported moving from BULLECOURT towards REINCOURT. This reported from many sources.

ENEMY SIGNALS:- At 8.10 a.m., a continuous stream of rockets bursting into 2 reds was observed from vicinity of BULLECOURT.

At 7.55 p.m., rockets bursting into golden stars accompanied by a red rocket were fired on our sector.

As our guns bombarded enemy trenches round BULLECOURT last night, rockets bursting into 2 greens, and also others bursting into golden showers, went up from the parts under bombardment.

10.20 p.m., searchlight from left of BULLECOURT apparently acting in conjunction with rockets bursting into chain of white stars, seemed to be searching for aeroplanes.

8.15 p.m., enemy reported to be sending up red flares from BULLECOURT.

7 to 7.10 p.m. Morse signalling lamp working at T.B.30 from C 2 d 5 8.

Daily Intelligence Report (2.) ~~XXXXXX~~ 13th/14th.

GENERAL :- 2 enemy gun flashes observed at U 28 a 44.
4 enemy gun flashes observed at U 17 a 65 to 68.
4 enemy gun flashes observed at U 6 b 95.

9.40 a.m., large fires observed in direction of
FONTAIN-LES-CROSILLES.

8.15 p.m., large fire reported in REINCOURT.

Enemy balloons at 8 a.m., T.B's ~~XXXXXX~~ 46° and 63° from
C 2 d 56.

G. Halford

2nd Lieutenant,
Staff Lieutenant,
Left Sector - 1st ANZAC Artillery.

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LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIAL
=====DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

for period

6 p.m. 14th - 6 p.m., 15th April 1917.
----- * -----OBSERVATION :- Poor owing to misty rain.OUR ARTILLERY. :- During the night the usual preventative measures for prevention of repairs to enemy defences.

For our action after the enemy attacked at 4.30 a.m., see special report.

GENERAL :- At about U 30 Central, our stretcher bearers were fired on by the enemy.
At 6.15, enemy transport seen proceeding along road through U 15 a and U 14 Central.

2 enemy balloons observed T.B. 27° from C 2 d 4075.

About 1000 men were in parties of 15 and 20 seen moving towards enemy lines on the spur N.W. of NOREUIL at 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m..

AERIAL ACTIVITY :- 4 enemy 'planes crossed our lines at 6.30 a.m. but returned after about 15 minutes.*Commentary by
1st ANZAC Artillery*2/Lieut.,
Staff Lieut.,
Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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R E P O R T
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HEADQUARTERS,
16th April 1917.

on the German attack in our
lines, morning of 15th April

- 4.30 a.m. :- ^{P. Group} Enemy put heavy barrage behind LONGATTEM This severed most of the communications and mounted orderlies were substituted. "P" Group guns were served during the whole time. The 43rd Battery sustained heavy casualties.
- 4.45 a.m. :- "P" Group report states that there was a bombardment on their Right Sector.
- 4.48 a.m. :- O.C. "M" Group rang up and reported serious attack on LAGNICOURT and that Bosches were close up.
- 4.50 a.m. to 5 a.m. :- "Q" Group said that the front was quiet and 5th Divisional Artillery knew nothing. "P" Group informed.
- 5 a.m. :- "P" unable to ~~help~~ help owing to enemy barrage on their Left and not being certain of the state of affairs on their own front. "M" Group reported guns near LAGNICOURT lost.
- 5.3 a.m. :- "Q" Group told to put a barrage across D 13 c - D 7 c 0 0 - C 12 Central.
- 5.9 a.m. :- ANZAC. Heavies - who knew nothing - informed and asked to barrage, D 13 Central - D 7 c 0 0 - C 12 Central. All Batteries of "P" Group standing by.
- 5.14 a.m. :- All Batteries of "P" Group on S.O.S. line at 1 round per gun per minute.
- 5.33 a.m. :- Liaison Officer reported to "P" Group that enemy had broken through on 5th Brigade front.
- 5.35 a.m. :- "Q" Group reported that they had not been able to get any guns round. They could not clear the crest. They were told to get two Batteries of Hows. round and get observation when light. C 28 c Central recommended.
- 5.40 a.m. :- Observing Officer for "P" Group considered position safe enough to slow down.
- 5.55 a.m. :- "P" Wagon lines ordered to send up gun teams and limbers to B 29 d 5 5.
- 6.30 a.m. :- "P" Group reported enemy Infantry retiring from NOREUIL.
- 6.31 a.m. :- "P" Group gave all Batteries preparatory orders in case of a retreat, the 38th Battery to cover the Brigade retreat.
- 6.45 a.m. :- General line of defence for "P" Group - H 4 d - H 12 Central - ~~16~~ 14 d.
- 7 a.m. :- Barrage put on C 12 c, C 18 a and b, LAGNICOURT. Heavies asked to do the same.
- 7.5 a.m. :- "Q" Group received reports that our Infantry were retiring.
- 7.10 a.m. :- "Q" Group received orders from 4th D.A. for the Brigades to retire. "Q" Group sent orders for gun teams to come up, but the teams were held up in rear of VAULX as reports were being received of enemy Infantry retiring. "P" Group firing on U 27 b, 28 a and b. "Q" Group firing on whatever targets presented themselves. 13th Battery inflicted many casualties on a party of 200 enemy.
- 7.30 a.m. :- Guns put back on old S.O.S. lines at request of Infantry who reported LAGNICOURT ~~is~~ occupied.

*And take up positions
near BEUGNATRE
Covering line VAULX
- BEUGNY.*

by 2nd ans Div.

/9.35 a.m.

R E P O R T
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on the German attack in our
lines, morning of 15th April

(Continued)

- 9.35 a.m. :- Heavy Artillery rang up and said that they were stopping fire.
10. a.m. :- Groups ordered to stop.
- 12.30 p.m. :- Colonel STEVENSON said that an Infantry Officer reported QUEANT full of Bosches. 5th Australian Divisional Artillery and ANZAC. Heavies informed.

GENERAL
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No report has been received in writing from the Os. C. 2nd and 1st A.F.A. Brigades on the attack, and it is thought that, in view of a Court of Inquiry being held, their statements had better be deferred.

This much however, can be said, namely, that the first intimation received by the foremost Brigade at LAGNICOURT on its W. and S.W. sides was the appearance of Infantry coming through their gun pits, closely followed by enemy who worked through the Village and round the ^Eside of it. The 1st Brigade, all about C 22 b were advised, but owing to darkness, were unable to take any action till bombs arrived in their pits. Colonel STEVENSON having reported the occurrence, I had a conversation with him and informed him, that under the circumstances the best thing to be done was to get his men away with their breech blocks and sights.

Charles Rowenthal

Brigadier-General,
C.R.A., Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Arty..

LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIAL
=====DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 15th - 6 p.m., 16th April '17.

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OBSERVATION :- Poor.OUR ARTILLERY :- Roads and approaches were shelled during the night. Registration and calibration were carried out during the day.
"Q" Group Hows. fired 300 rounds on enemy wire at U 29 a 0580 and 300 rounds on M.G. position.ENEMY ARTILLERY :- ROREUIL Valley was shelled intermittently during the night by 4.2's.
A How. located firing from behind a house at U 11 d 5520.
A prisoner stated to liaison Officer that 2 heavy guns were in Sunken Road V 21 a 9 9.
One observer states that enemy Artillery seems to be firing from farther away than previously.SIGNALS :- Between 1.5 and 1.10 p.m. visual lamp signalling was observed on right edge of REINCOURT.
At 4 p.m., enemy cluster rocket observed 20 left of LAGNICOURT from O.P. at C 9 d 6 8.
At about the same time flares went up in front of our sector. No resultant action observed.GENERAL :- 5 enemy balloons reported on our own sector.
One reported in U 11 and another at U 12.
A mine was exploded between 1.14 and 1.30 p.m. at apparently D 8 c 5 5.
2 large explosions occurred at 11.30 a.m. in HENDECOURT in U 17 a followed by a third at noon.MOVEMENT :- At 6.30 a.m. parties of men were observed moving along road in U 12 c.
At 10.20 a.m. party observed moving from RIENCOURT to CHATEAU WOOD.
11.15 a.m., small working parties on right edge of CHATEAU WOOD.
11.20 a.m. 20 to 30 men moved from this wood in a westerly direction towards U 12.
Enemy train observed 40° from C 2 d 5 6.SPECIAL NOTE :- Although the enemy during raid on the 15th, occupied for a time the sunken road in which "M" Group Headquarters are situated, nothing seems to have been disturbed.

G. Halford
2/Lieut.,
Staff Lieut.,
Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIALDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

covering period

6 p.m., 16th - 6 p.m., 17th April 1917.
----- * -----OBSERVATION :- Very poor.OURARTILLERY

:- Usual preventative measures carried out against repair to wire.
How. Batteries engaged in wire cutting. Wire U 28 c 0 7 to U 28 c 4 9 reported well cut. At other places considerable damage has been done. At 11 a.m. we fired on and dispersed working party at U 12 c 5 3. During the afternoon the 104th How. Battery put 500 rounds into BULLECOURT. Considerable damage reported. At 3.30 a Battery at U 18 d 8 1 was engaged.

ENEMYARTILLERY

:- Back country shelled with 4.2s. throughout the day. ECCUST and LONGATTE shelled heavily during the night. Vicinity of 41st Battery shelled at intervals with .77s and 4.2s. Sunken road in C 8 a shelled throughout the morning with 6" H.V. gun. NOREUIL Valley intermittently shelled during the day.

MOVEMENT

:- At 6.15 a.m. a party of about 15 men was seen at U 22 d 1025, who appeared to come out of Sunken Road and disappear into trench at U 22 d 2 2. They re-appeared here at 6.25, formed up in fours and marched off in the direction of U 23 Central. The usual movement of small parties near CHATEAU WOOD in U 22 12 c.

ENEMYWORKS

:- The new trench running through U 17 d along road towards U 17 b 6 0 has now been extended and seems to continue into HENDECOURT.

GENERAL

:- Smoke was seen issuing from supposed dug-out at U 27 b 7 2.

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Staff-Lieut.,
Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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for period

6 p.m., 17th - 6 p.m., 18th April 1917.
----- * -----OBSERVATION :- Poor owing to mist.

OUR ARTILLERY :- Our Hows. and 18-prs. continued wirecutting. The 41st Battery carried out registrations of barrage joining up with Units on flank. We engaged O.P. at U 24 a 0 2. During the night the usual preventative measures against wire repairs were carried out. The approaches to RIENCOURT were shelled during the night. BULLECOURT was shelled by our Hows..

ENEMY ARTILLERY :- At 10.30 p.m., LONGATTE was bombarded with 5.9s and 4.2s. Roads and approaches near LONGATTE were shelled at intervals during the night. At 2 a.m. the charge dump of the 110th How. Battery was destroyed by shell fire. Throughout the day B 24 was intermittently shelled with 4.2s. The enemy has paid particular attention to NOREUIL Valley. Between 10 and 10.15 p.m., enemy used 77s both H.E. and shrapnel, apparently from V 13. Between 10.20 and 10.45 p.m. enemy used 10.5 and 15 c.m. Hows. from direction of CAGNICOURT. Between 1 and 1.30 a.m., from 200 to 300 shells were fired between NOREUIL and LONGATTE.

MOVEMENT :- No enemy movement reported except one or two men walking from U 12 Central towards RIENCOURT.

G. Halford

Lieut.,
Staff Lieut.,
Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

LEFT SECTOR - FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT.

For period 6 p.m., 19th - 6 p.m., 19th April, 1917.

OBSERVATION :- Very bad.

(Wire cutting was proceeded with during the day.
OUR ARTILLERY:- (The 101st Battery fired 500 rounds on wire between
U 29 b 74 and U 30 a 32. Considerable damage
was done.

Tank at U 28 a 62 fired on. At 12 noon the 110th
How. Battery obtained a direct hit. The tank
immediately burst into flames and continued burn-
ing until 1 p.m. During this time many explosions
were heard.

At 1.40 p.m., hostile battery U d 7 was engaged by all
n available guns and howitzers.

At 12.40 p.m., the heavies obtained a direct hit on what
appeared to be a bomb dump on the outskirts of
BULLECOURT about U 28 a 34. This burnt for about
half an hour with explosions every few minutes.

Our howitzers fired on, and apparently demolished by
several direct hits, the strong point at U 23 d 06.
The 5th Brigade expended during the night 900 rounds on
approaches.

We again engaged O.P. at U 24 a 02; apparently effectively

HOSTILE ARTILLERY:- During the morning C 15 central was shelled, the
telephone pit of the 11th Battery being blown in.
The usual shelling of ECOUST, LONGATTE and vicinity,
also NOREUIL valley.
Generally; enemy activity below normal.

MOVEMENT :- Working party of about 120 observed on ridge U 18 a 55.
At 9.15 a.m., an enemy working party of about 40 men
were observed on trench U 24 c 48 to U 24 c 97.
After the party had been dispersed by our 18-prs
three horsemen were seen galloping away by road
running N.E. from U 24 c 67.
About 11 a.m. F.O.O. reported enemy moving in force
near BULLECOURT and that our infantry were standing
to arms. Nothing unusual could be seen from O.P.

GENERAL :- Hostile balloon 41° from C 2 d 56.
Hostile balloon 60° from C 2 d 56.

They remained up from 11 to 11.30 a.m.

AIRCRAFT :- One of our planes flew low over BULLECOURT but only
attracted slight M.G., and A.A. Gun & fire.
No enemy activity reported.

G. Halford

2nd Lieutenant,
Staff Lieutenant,
Left Sector - 1st ANZAC Artillery.

LEFT SECTOR FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY

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HEADQUARTERS,
20th April 1917.

1. The C.R.A. 2nd Australian Division will take command of the Left Sector, 1st ANZAC Artillery as from noon on the 21st April.
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.
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M. J. M.
Major, R.A.,
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Left Sector, 1st ANZAC Artillery.

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=====HEADQUARTERS,
21st April 1917.DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORTfor period
6 p.m., 19th - 6 p.m., 20th April 1917.
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- OBSERVATION :- Bad most of day, but better at times.
- OUR ARTILLERY :- We fired on enemy communications during the night and for the prevention of wire repairs during the day. RIENCOURT was shelled by our 18-prs. and BULLECOURT by 12 Hows..
At 3.15 p.m. we dispersed a working party in U 18 a and U 23 b.
- ENEMY ARTILLERY :- An A.A. Battery which fired on one of our 'planes yesterday morning is situated in U 12 d. Enemy shelled cemetery at C 2 a 1 9 with 5.9s this morning.
Between 4.40 and 5.30 a.m. LAGNICOURT was shelled with about 100 4.2s from the direction of RIENCOURT. The cross roads C 29 a and 22 b and the 8 trees in J 5 c were registered by a 5.9 from a N.E. direction after which fire was turned on our Batteries at LAGNICOURT.
C 15 was shelled throughout the day with 5.9s, 4.2s, 77s and gas shells.
- AIRCRAFT :- At 8.35 a.m. a hostile 'plane compelled one of our scouts to descend behind our lines south of ECOUST. The 'plane whilst on the ground was demolished by enemy Artillery. The enemy 'plane flew low over NOREUIL.
Two of our 'planes flew low over enemy lines and drew rifle and machine gun fire. The fire was particularly heavy from BULLECOURT.
- GENERAL :- Fires and explosions in PRONVILLE reported yesterday.
At 9.15 a.m., a fire was observed in QUEANT. Thick smoke was seen to rise for about an hour.
- MOVEMENT :- Small parties of the enemy observed in U 12 Central.

*H. Huxford*Lieut.
Staff-Lieut.,
Left Sector, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.