

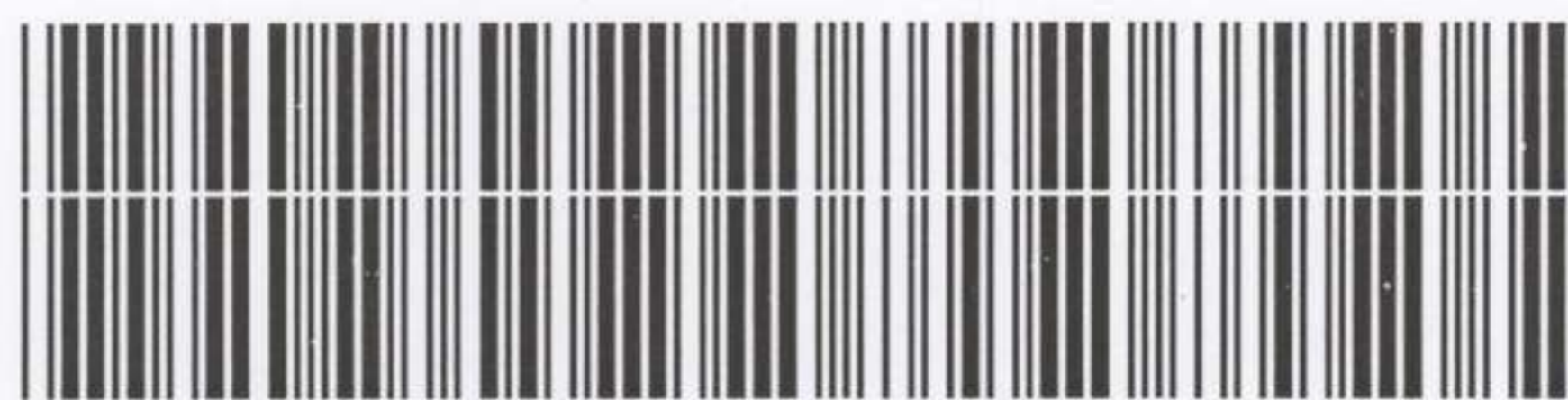
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Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Artillery

Item number: 13/13/13

Title: Headquarters, 4th Australian
Divisional Artillery

June 1917



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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WESTHOF FARM (near NEUVE ÉGLISE)	1917 June 1st 6 th		<p>Brigades & BAC under the command of CRA NZ Divⁿ.</p> <p>On June 7th they took part in the attack on MESSINES RIDGE.</p> <p>During the day the 18th Batteries less the 38th advanced to new positions near STINKING FARM (Sheet 28 U7) and later the 42nd Battery advanced again and came into action inside the enemy's old lines near SLOPING ROOF FARM (Sheet 28 Q32A)</p> <p>June 9th 5pm Control of the Divisional Artillery covering the 4 Aus Divⁿ which had taken over from the New Zealand Division passed to the CRA 4 Aus Divⁿ. The artillery consisted of the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Aus Div arty NZ Div arty. 242nd Army Brigade. <p>The front to be covered was from <u>BLAWEPOORT BEEK</u> to HUNS WALK (Sheet 28 U4A)</p>	

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as above	June 10 th June 11	9 pm to 6 am	The 13 th Aus Inf Bde supported by the artillery drove the enemy out of a wedge he was holding in our lines along the BLAWIE POORT BEER with severe loss to him	4 Aus Order 73
	June 12	noon	4 Australian Divs extended their front to the RIVER DOUVE and the CRA 4 Aus Div ⁿ took over responsibility for this at 12 noon and the 25 th Div arty also came under the Command of the CRA 4 Aus Div ⁿ	4 Aus Order 75
	June 12/13		25 th Div ⁿ relieved the 4 Aus Div ⁿ	
	June 13	6 am	Command of the artillery devolved on CRA 25 th Div ⁿ	4 Aus Order 76
	June 14		Under cover of a barrage the line was further advanced towards the enemy's WARNETON Line: prisoners being taken	

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WESTHOF FARM	June 17/18	10pm	Bataillons and GAC 4 aus DA were withdrawn from action to reserves and quartered in Square 3.30 (sheet 28) and commenced to rest under the orders of their own CPTs	RA II ANZAC 232/1/116 2 June 17 th
	to June 30 th		All units of the Div artillery were in Reserve in the DE SEULE area Div Artillery HQ at VIEUX BERQUIN CPT Bates map RA Rde Major 4 aus DA	

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO. 19

SECRET.

ORDER NO. 73

HEADQUARTERS,
10th June 1917.

1. At Zero hour 10th June, the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade will capture the enemy posts in ODD Trench and Support North and South of the BLAWEPOORT BEEK from 0 34 a 8 2 to 0 28 c 7 0.
2. Artillery support will be as follows :-
 A Standing Barrage 0 29 c 4 3 to 0 35 a 7510 searching back for 500 yards by alternate guns. which will be joined by a creeping barrage starting on the line
 0 34 a 9025 to 0 34 a 7597
3. M.G. fire will cover the flanks of the barrage.
4. Heavy Artillery will be bombarding the line
 0 34 a 9025 to 0 34 a 7597
 and DELPORTE and DECONINCK FARMS
till 9 p.m..
5. Trenches will be cleared for 100 yards N. of 0 34 a 7597 and 100 yards S. of 0 34 a 9025 at 3 p.m..
6. Registration will be started at 3 p.m., 10th June.
7. Tasks are as follows :-
CREEPING BARRAGE -
Zero minus 5 to Zero - 42nd and 43rd Btys.
 0 34 a 9025 - 0 34 a 7597
Zero - Lift to ODD Support.
Zero plus 3 minutes - Creep forward at rate of 100 yards every 3 minutes till the Standing Barrage is reached.
STANDING BARRAGE -
 3 Batteries 18-prs., E Group.
 (Zero minus 5 to Zero plus 0 35 a 7510 to 0 29 c 4 3.
 (60 minutes
8. RATES OF FIRE in rounds per gun per minute :-
CREEPING BARRAGE -
 Zero minus 5 to zero plus 3 -- 4
 Zero plus 3 till Standing Barrage is reached -- 3 there-
 after 2, ceasing fire at Z plus 25.
STANDING BARRAGE -
 Zero minus 5 to zero -- 4
 Zero to zero plus 45 -- 2
 Zero plus 45 to zero plus 60 -- 1½
 Zero plus 30 cease fire.

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- 9. Zero hour will be 9 p.m.
- 10. Watches will be synchronised to groups at 5.30 p.m.
- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Comdantes

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

Issued at 4.15 p.m. -----

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2nd. Anzac, B.G.R.A.
227/1/33 G

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To:- 25th. Divisional Artillery.
4th. Australian Divisional Artillery.
"G" 2nd. Anzac Corps.
"Q" 2nd. Anzac Corps.
2nd. Anzac Heavy Artillery.
B.A. IXth. Corps.

With reference to 2nd. Anzac Corps Order No. 56 of the 9th. inst., the B.G.R.A. 25th. Division will be responsible for his present front until noon on the 11th. instant, when the Command will pass to the B.G.R.A. 11th. Division, IXth. Corps.

Details of the handing over of the responsibility of the line will be arranged between B.Gs.R.A. concerned.

No relief of Batteries will be involved.

The 25th. Divisional Artillery will withdraw from action on the night 11/12th. June.
No move will take place before 10.0 p.m.

The 242nd. Army Brigade, R.F.A. will come under the orders of B.G.R.A. 4th. Australian Division from 12 noon on the 11th. instant.

AS Kavanagh

Major, S.O.R.A.
II A.N.Z.A.C.

June 9th. 1917.

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"C" Form MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message..... 121

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(In books of 100.)

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TO 4th Aust Div Artillery

*Sender's Number 227/1/33	Day of Month 10	In reply to Number	AAA
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Instructions contained in this office 227/1/33 dated 9th are postponed 24 hours

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2nd. Anzac. R.A.
227/1/34 G.

To:- 4th. Australian Divisional Artillery.

4th
AUSTRIAN
DIVL. ARTILLERY
No. <i>67/9</i>
Date. <i>11/6/17</i>

Herewith copies of this Office letter and wire No. 227/1/34 of yesterday's date.

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Major, S.O.R.A.
II A.N.Z.A.C.

June 11th. 1917.

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2nd. Anzac, R.A.
227/1/34 G.

S E C R E T .

To:- 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.
New Zealand Divisional Artillery.
"G" 2nd. Anzac Corps.
"Q"
2nd. Anzac Heavy Artillery.

With reference to 2nd. Anzac Corps Order
No. 57 of the 9th. instant,

The B.G.R.A. 3rd. Australian Division will
will be responsible for his present front until noon
on the 11th. instant, when the responsibility of
that portion of his front North of the RIVER DOUVE
will pass to the B.G.R.A. 4th. Australian Division.

Details of handing over will be arranged between
B.Gs.R.A. concerned.

No relief of Batteries will be involved.

(Signed) C.E. Stranack,
Major, S.O.R.A.
II A.N.Z.A.C.

June 10th. 1917.

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"A" Form MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 212E
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.....		At.....m.	<u>COPY.</u>		From.....
.....		To.....			By.....
.....		By.....			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO { 3rd. Aust; D.A.
New Zealand D.A. "G" "Q"
2nd. Anzac Heavy Artillery.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* 227/1/34	10/6/17		

Instructions contained in this Office
No. 227/1/34 of today are postponed for
24 hours.

From	R.A. 2nd. Anzac.		
Place			
Time			

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. COPY NO. 12

SECRET ORDER NO. 75

HEADQUARTERS,
11th June 1917.

- 1. ORDER NO. 74 IS CANCELLED.
- 2. The Divisional Front from noon 12th instant will extend from the BLAUWEPOORT BEEK to the River DOUVE, both inclusive.
- 3. As from 12 noon, 12th instant, the Artillery covering the front will be grouped by Brigades. All Howitzer Batteries therefore become part of their Brigades, and H Group as a Howitzer Group, ceases to exist, and will become the 10th A.F.A. Brigade.

4. The Artillery covering the front will be as follows :-

1st N.Z. F.A. Brigade	--	F	Group.
3rd N.Z. F.A. Brigade)	--	G	Group.
and A/38 R.F.A.)			
10th A.F.A. Brigade	--	H	Group.
11th A.F.A. Brigade	--	E	Group.
242nd Brigade, R.F.A.	--	Q	Group.

5. Zones for S.O.S. taken along our Front Line are allotted as follows :-

F Group	--	O 34 b 1570	to	O 34 d 5072
E Group	--	O 34 d 5072	"	U 4 b 0785
G Group	--	U 4 b 0785	"	U 4 a 6005
H Group	--	U 4 a 6005	"	U 10 b 1095.

242nd Brigade, R.F.A., will not be on S.O.S. lines for the present.

6. S.O.S. Line will be 300 yards East of line

O 34 b 8590 - O 35 c 6085 - O 35 c 7245 -
U 5 a 2 6 - U 4 d 5 0.

Group boundaries will be as follows :-

F Group, Left	--	BLAUWEPOORT BEEK to O 29 c 5"0	thence due East.
F Group, Right)	--	Line due East from O 34 d 5072	
E Group, Left)			
E Group, Right)	--	Line due East from U 4 b 0785	
G Group, Left)			
G Group, Right)	--	Line due East from U 4 a 6005	
H Group, Left)			
H Group, Right	--	River DOUVE/to FARM DE LA CROIX	inclusive, thence due East along
			dividing line between U 6 and U 12.

ORDER NO. 75 (Continued)

7. The front is being held by the 4th Australian Infantry Brigade which is being relieved by the 25th Division on the night 12th/13th June.
8. Group Headquarters will remain as at present until other arrangements are made.
If Groups desire to move forward and have found a suitable locality unoccupied, they may move, due notice having been first given to this Office and to Signals Officer.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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

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2nd. Anzac, R.A.
227/1/36 G.

S E C R E T .

To:- 3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.
New Zealand Divisional Artillery.
4th. Australian Divisional Artillery.
2nd. Anzac Heavy Artillery.
25th. Divisional Artillery.
"G" 2nd. Anzac Corps.
"Q" 2nd. Anzac Corps.
3rd. Australian Division.
New Zealand Division.
57th. Divisional Artillery.

With reference to 2nd. Anzac Corps Order
No. 58, the B.G.R.A. New Zealand Division will
take over the command of the Artillery covering
the Corps front South of the DOUVE at 6.0 a.m.
13th. June.

P. Shauval

Major, S.O.R.A.

II A.N.Z.A.C.

June 11th. 1917.

4th	
AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY	
No.	<i>67/10</i>
Date	<i>11/6/17</i>

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2nd. Anzac, R.A.
227/1/38 G.

SECRET.

To:- 25th. Divisional Artillery.
3rd. Australian Divisional Artillery.
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New Zealand Divisional Artillery.
2nd. Anzac Heavy Artillery.
"G" 2nd. Anzac Corps.
"Q" 2nd. Anzac Corps.
25th. Division.
4th. Australian Division.
R.A. IXth. Corps.

With reference to 2nd. Anzac Corps
Order No. 59, on relief of the 4th. Australian
Division by the 25th. Division, the Artillery
covering the Corps front from the RIVER DOUVE to
the BLAUWEPPOORT BEEK will come under the command
of the B.G.R.A. 25th. Divisional Artillery.

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S. O. R. A.

Major, S.O.R.A.
II A.N.Z.A.C.

June 11th. 1917.

4th
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No. 67/13
Date 11/6/17

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO.

ORDER NO. 76

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS
12th June 1917.

1. The 25th Division will relieve the 4th Australian Division (less Artillery) on June 12th and night June 12th/13th.
2. The G.O.C., 25th Division will assume Command of the Sector at 6 a.m., 13th.
3. The C.R.A., 25th Division, will assume Command of the Artillery covering the front on completion of the above relief, at 6 a.m., 13th.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE. on form attached.

C. Mater

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

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2nd. Anzac, R.A.
232/1/11 G.

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Field Artillery Brigades will be withdrawn from action to rest in accordance with the following programme.

No move out of action will take place before 10 p.m. each night. Batteries of each Brigade will move at half hour intervals.

All units will move with full echelons.

Night 16/17th June.

242nd. Army Brigade, R.F.A.	To Immobile wagon lines.	} Adjutants to report to Corps R.A. H.Q. at 9.30 p.m. 17th June.
311th. Army Brigade, R.F.A.	do do do do	

Night 17/18th June.

4th. Australian Divisional Arty.	do do do do	
38th. Army Brigade, R.F.A.	do do do do	Including "A" Battery.

Night 18/19th June.

34th. Army Brigade, R.F.A.	do do do do
93rd. Army Brigade, R.F.A.	do do do do
12th. Aust: Army Field Artillery Brigade.	do do do do

On completion of the above moves, the Corps front will be covered as follows:-

Right Division.

RIVER LYS - TROIS TILLEULS. Two Brigades R.F.A.
 TROIS TILLEULS - RIVER DOUVE. Four Brigades R.F.A.

Left Division.

RIVER DOUVE - BLAUWEPFOORTBEEK. Four Brigades, R.F.A.

C. J. Sturges
Major, S.O.R.A.
II A.N.Z.A.C.

June 17th. 1917.

To:- N.Z.D.A. 4th Aust: D.A. ✓ "G" & "Q".
 25th. D.A. N.Z.Division. A.D.A.S.
 3rd Aust D.A. 25th Division. A.D.O.S.