

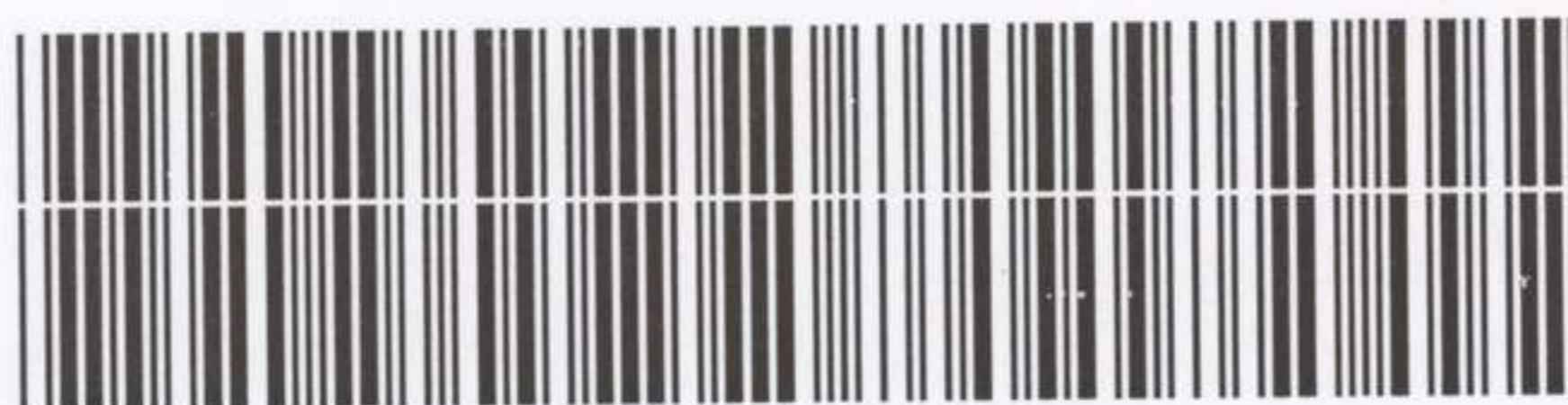
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WAR DIARY

OF

12th F. A. Bde. A.I.F.

FOR

February 1918

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or ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.			
	Feb.	1st.	<p>2.55.p.m. 3rd Battery fired 24 rounds on roadway from P.31.a.65.75. to 31.b.80.75. 1st Battery fired 24 rounds O.36.a.50.30. to 36.b.20.60. 101st Battery fired 20 rounds on ESPERANCE CABARET at O.36.b.30.50. 2nd Battery fired 24 rounds on HIRONDELLE ROAD U.6.c.45.55. to U.12.b.45.25. Above amounts of ammunition were fired 1 round at intervals of 3 minutes.</p>	<p><i>Belgium + France</i> <i>Sheet 28</i> <i>1/40,000</i></p>
		2nd.	<p>Enemy aeroplanes active on Right Bn. front up to 12 noon, one flight of 4 planes penetrating at great height to our rear lines.</p>	
		1.20.p.m.	101st How. Battery fired 20 rounds H.E. on V.2.c.1.9.	
		4.30.p.m.	Right Bn. reported casualties from T.M. at about U.6.c.3.5. 101st How. and 2nd Battery ordered to fire 20 rounds each.	
		6.p.m.	101st and 2nd Battery ordered to fire another 20 rounds each on T.M. at about U.6.c.3.5. as previous series was not successful in silencing enemy T.M.	
		9.30.p.m.	5.9" How. from direction of COMINES shelling vicinity of 101st and 2nd Batteries at U.13.a. and U.7.d. Counter Batteries advised. also B.M. at 10.20.p.m. at which hour 2nd Battery reported shelling.	
		11.35.p.m.	O.C. 2nd Battery (Major H.R.Byrne) reports enemy 5.9" How. now stopped firing. C.B. and B.M. notified.	
		12 midnight.	O.C.'s 101st and 2nd Batteries reported 5.9" from direction of COMINES again firing on U.7.d. and U.13.a. a/C.R.A. and B.M. advised.	
		3rd.	<p>1-10.a.m. Still firing, some Gas in it.</p> <p>1.30.a.m. Shelling ceased. About 200 shells since midnight.</p> <p>1.30.a.m. Left Liaison reports T.M.'s active on O.35.d. from O.36. Operation order No. 53 carried out.</p> <p>1.45.a.m. 101st did not fire Gas; wind unfavourable.</p> <p>2.15.a.m. Left Liaison reports all quiet. Most effective shoot.</p> <p>4.50.a.m. Right Liaison reported heavy T.M. fire from U.12. 101st fired 12 rounds on T.M. from S.R.S. at U.12.b.30.90.</p> <p>5.a.m. Right Liaison reported all quiet.</p> <p>12.noon. 2nd Lieut. Johnston reported from R.A.C.S. and posted to 101st Battery.</p>	
			<p><i>Johnston</i> Captain. Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918. Feb.	4th.	<p>1.50.p.m. Infantry reported Strong Point 4U4 (at U.4.b.7.4.) being shelled by enemy 4.2" How. from direction of KIWI FARM. Counters notified.</p> <p>2.10.p.m. Infantry reported shelling ceased and counter Battery notified.</p> <p>4.5.p.m. Infantry again reported Strong Point at U.4.b.7.4. was being shelled by enemy 4.2" How, with Shrapnel from T.B. 103. C.B. notified.</p> <p>3.50.p.m. 101st Battery fired 60 rounds on O.36.b.35.55. (ESPERANCE CABARET). In accordance with 1st Aust. D.A. Order No. 3. Series 111. Relief of 1 Section per Battery was completed by 12 noon by Batteries of 13th F.A.Bde. and relieved sections marched at 1.30.p.m. from present W.L's via STEENWERCK. LE VERRIER, VIEUX BERQUIN to rest area at PETIT SEC BOIS. Column was in charge of Lieut. E.L.Coleman of 1st Battery.</p>	<p><i>Belgium & France</i> <i>Sheet 28</i> <i>1/40000</i></p>
		5th	<p>Balance of Batteries and B.H.Q. were relieved by 13th F.A.Bde. Relief was completed by 2.30.p.m. Balance of Batteries and B.H.Q. marched via STEENWERCK. LE VERRIER, VIEUX-BERQUIN to PETIT SEC BOIS. All units were in new W.L's by 9.p.m. 5th inst. B.H.Q. situated at GRAND SEC BOIS. Belgian Croix de Guerre was awarded No. 181 Far/Sgt. T.E.GOODWIN. 2nd Battery and No. 349 Far/Sgt. W.H.Quelch. 3rd Battery.</p>	<p><i>Hazebroeck</i> <i>SA 1/100.000</i></p>
		13th 5th	<p>Captain W.S.LAIDLAY departed to attend B.C's course (Gunnery) at SHOEBURYNESS. Lieut-Col. DEAN returned from 30 days special leave to England.</p>	
		15th	<p>General WALKER visited Bde. Billeting Area.</p>	
		17th	<p>General WALKER again visited the Brigade Area.</p>	
		21st.	<p>At 9.a.m. B.C's and 1 other subaltern per Battery left in Motor Lorry to make a reconnaissance of 10th F.A.Bde (4th D.A.) Sector with a view to reinforcement of this Sector in case of hostile attack or demonstration. Reserve positions in present line and also reserve positions in second line were reconnoitred and approaches thereto.</p>	
		25th	<p>In accordance with 1st Aust. D.A. Order No. 115 the Brigade left GRAND SEC BOIS at 9. a.m. and marched via VIEUX-BERQUIN. OUTTERSTEENE. BAILLEUL. LOCRE and LA CLYTTE to Wagon Lines as under :-</p>	<p><i>Hazebroeck</i> <i>SA 1/100000</i> <i>and</i> <i>Belgium & France</i> <i>Sheet 28</i> <i>1/40000</i></p>
			<p><i>Delivered</i> Captain. Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.			
	Feb.	25th	Contd.	
			<p>Hqrs 1st F.A.Bde. DEVON CAMP N.7.c.7.3.</p> <p>1st Battery. ELZENWALLE CHATEAU. H.36.c.5.4.</p> <p>2nd Battery. " " "</p> <p>3rd Battery. KIMBERLEY CAMP. N.13.b.8.6.</p> <p>101st " " " "</p>	<p><i>Belgium & France</i> <i>Sheet 28.</i> <i>1/40000</i></p>
		26th.	<p>During the day 1 section of each Battery of the Brigade went into positions reconnoitred and allotted th them as follows:-</p> <p>1st Battery. 0.1.c. 06.73. (F.2. RA)</p> <p>2nd " 0.1.c. 26.30. (F2. RB)</p> <p>3rd " 0.3.a.10.10. (FRC)</p> <p>101st " 0.3.B.52.38. (FRD)</p> <p>AA Company 1st Aust. Div. Pioneers were at work building dugouts to accomodate personnel of Batteries and as usual when working for us, were doinf excellent work.</p>	
		27th	<p>Balance of Batteries (2 Sections) occupied the above positions.</p> <p>1st F.A.Bde. (less B.H.Q.) now forms part of Superimposed Group (2nd F.A.Bde. forming balance of group) and comes under command of Lt.Col. D.H.MOORE, D.S.O., C.O. 2nd F.A.Bde.</p>	
		28th	<p>Cpl. Hopkins of the 15th Battalion reported to train 3 men from each Battery in use of Lewis Gun of which each Battery has now been issued with one for defence against enemy Aircraft. Class is being held at B.H.Q. Wagon Lines and 3 men from each Battery with their Lewis Gun reported at 3.p.m. to commence instruction.</p> <p>8.10.p.m. Heavy firing heard from direction of POLDERHOEK Sector.</p> <p>8.50.p.m. Fire died away to usual state of quiet. Major CHRISTIE (O.C..3rd Battery proceeded to England to attend B.C's course of Gunnery at SHOEBURYNESS and SALISBURY - lasting 1 month.</p>	
			<p><i>Kalman</i> _____ Captain. Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.</p>	

WAR DIARY

OF

1st F A Bde A.I.F.

FOR

February 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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1	<i>1st F A Bde .</i>	<i>Orders</i>
2	<i>1st Aust. D.A.</i>	<i>Orders</i>
3	<i>4th Aust. D.A.</i>	<i>Orders</i>

} *Covering movements from 20/2/18 to 28.2.18.*

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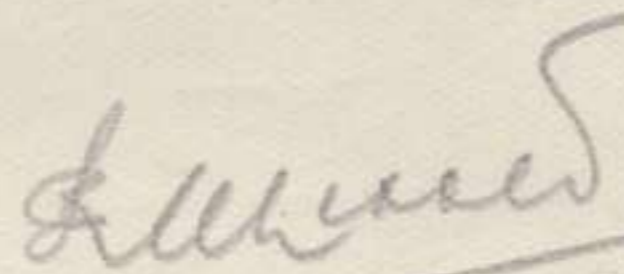
FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

24th. February, 1918.

ADDENDUM to B. R. O. No. 18.

5 Motor Lorries (1 per Battery and B. H. Q.) are being supplied for transport purposes, and will be at the corner near 101st. Battery lines at 9 a.m. tomorrow, the 25th. instant.

B. H. Q. and Batteries will each detail one other rank to meet lorries as above, and guide them to their respective Unit lines.



Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Routine Order No. 18.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O. - Commanding.

Headquarters,
24th. February, 1918.

Ref: Sheet 28, 1/40,000.

1. The 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will go into action on the nights 26th/27th. and 27th/28th. February, 1918, into the following positions :-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Position.</u>	<u>Co-ordinate.</u>
1st. Battery -	F.2.R.A. at	0.1.C.96.73.
2nd. Battery -	F.2.R.B. "	0.1.C.26.30.
3rd. Battery -	F.R.C. "	0.3.A.10.10.
101st. Battery -	F.R.D. "	0.3.A.70.90.

GROUP HEADQUARTERS at LOCK 7 - I.52.B.70.30.

2. The Batteries of the 1st. and 2nd. F. A. BRIGADES will form a Group and will be superimposed on the whole Divisional Front.
3. The 10th. A. F. A. Brigade will interchange positions with the 1st. A. F. A. Brigade on about 2nd/3rd. and 3rd/4th. March, 1918, when the G. R. A., 1st. Aust. D. A. will take command of the Artillery covering the front.
Further orders will be issued on this point.
4. Right Group will ensure that positions F.R.C. and F.R.D. are completed.
Remaining positions are being made by Pioneers, 1st. Aust. Division.
5. Registration of 1st. Aust. Divisional Artillery Batteries will be assisted as much as possible by 4th. Aust. D. A. Groups. Batteries in F.R.C. and F.R.D. will superimpose on Left Group S. O. S. Barrage Line.
F.2.R.A. and F.2.R.B. will superimpose on the Right Group's S. O. S. Line. These Batteries will only register and then will become silent.
6. In order to enable Batteries to comply with foregoing instructions the 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will march to La CLYETTE via VIEUX BERQUIN, CUTERSTRENE, BAILIEUL and LOGRE, on the 25th. instant.
7. Starting Point - Cross Roads 1 mile North of "S" in LA RUE DU BOIS (HAZEBROUCK. 5A. 1/100000 Map).
Head of Column to pass starting point at 9 a.m.
Distance of 100 yards between Batteries and 25 yards between Sections will be observed.
Halt at 10 minutes to ~~break~~ each clock hour for 10 minutes.
8. Party of 1 N. C. O. per Battery and B. H. Q. will meet the Adjutant at head of the column at 9.30 a.m., and will go ahead to reconnoitre wagon lines, returning afterwards to guide Batteries to the wagon lines.
9. Transport :- Teams from D. A. C. will report at B. H. Q. and Battery wagon lines at 9 a.m. 25/2/18 to draw G.S. wagons at present with units from D. A. C.

Lawrence Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Routine Order No. 19.

By Lieut.-Colonel E. T. DEAN. D.S.O., - Commanding.

Headquarters,
25th. February, 1918.

Ref : Sheet 28. 1/40,000.

In continuation of 1st. A. F. A. Brigade Routine Order No. 18 of 24/2/1918 :-

1. Units of 1st. A. F. A. Brigade will occupy wagon lines as under :-

H.Q. 1st. A.F.A. Bde.	-	DEVON CAMP, N.7.C.7.3.
1st. Battery.	-	ELZENWALLE) - H.36.C.5.4.
2nd. Battery.	-	CHATEAU.)
3rd. Battery.	-	KIMBERLY) - N.13.A.8.6.
101st. Battery.	-	CAMP.)

2. 4th. Aust. D. A. C. will deliver 18 tents at ELZENWALLE CHATEAU and 18 at KIMBERLY CAMP, at 3 p.m. 25th. instant. These are to be split up mutually by B. C's. between 1st. and 2nd. Batteries and 3rd. and 101st. Batteries, so as to provide equal accomodation for each.

3. Batteries will occupy positions as laid down in B. R. O. No. 18, para. 1, as follows :-

1 Section to be put in on night 26th/27th. instant; balance of 2 sections to be put in on night of 27th/28th. instant. Occupation of positions must be completed by midnight 27th/28th. instant.

4. G. O. 2nd. A. F. A. Brigade will command Group with Headquarters at I.32.B.7.3. (LOCK No. 7).

5. 200 Rounds of ammunition per gun and How. will be maintained at Battery positions.

6. **ACKNOWLEDGE.**

L. H. ...

Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

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- 2. 1st. Battery.
- 3. 2nd. Battery.
- 4. 3rd. Battery.
- 5. 101st. Battery.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

27th. February, 1918.

- 1st. Battery.
 - 2nd. Battery.
 - 3rd. Battery.
 - 101st. Battery.
 - H.Q. Superimposed Group.
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1st AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTY. BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.	
No	<i>38/2</i>
Date

Reference 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. Order No. 114, para. 10.

- (1). Para. 10 refers to 1st. and 2nd. Batteries only.
- (2). Order of March from ELZENWALLE CHATEAU wagon lines will be -
 - 1st. Battery.
 - 2nd. Battery.
- (3). 1st. Battery will take over wagon lines at present occupied by 37th. Battery at POMPIERS CAMP.
2nd. Battery will take over those occupied by 38th. Battery at POMPIERS CAMP.
- (4). POMPIERS CAMP is situated on KEMMEL-LA CLYTTE Road.
- (5). Other details will be as per 4th. A. D. A. Order No. 114.

[Signature] Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. F.A. Brigade.

1st AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY HEADQUARTERS.	
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

20th February 1918.

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Instructions have been received from R.A. Australian Corps to the effect that the 1st Aust. Div. Arty may be required to reinforce "C" Divnl. Arty (4th Aust Div Arty) in the northern Sector of the Corps Front at short notice.

In view of the above, arrangements have been made for buses to reconnoitre the positions that they will occupy.

Battery Commanders and one other officer and 2 N.L.C.O.'s per Bty. will proceed by motor bus to-morrow 21st inst. for this purpose. The following are places where parties will embark-

- 1st F... Bde. at Church in ed. Sec. BOIS at 9 a.m.
- 2nd F... Bde. Sheet 28. S.27. Central. at 9 a.m.

B.C.'s and 1 N.C.O. per Bty will be met at 11 a.m. at Cross Roads Sheet 28 I 32 D 00.25 by 1 Officer from each 10th and 11th F... bdes and conducted to Group Headquarters. These bdes. are designated E. and F. Groups respectively.

The 1st Bde. will reinforce E. Group and the 2nd Bde will reinforce F. Group.

Batteries will take over reinforcing positions from opposite numbers in Groups they reinforce and guides from 4th Aust D.A. will be provided to show B.C.'s reinforcing positions.

The remaining Officer and N.C.O. per Battery will be met at the Church in VOORLIZIELE at 11 a.m. and conducted round the second Zone positions (E.2.A. and F.2.A.).

This latter party will be conducted round by Officers of 4th Aust D...C.

Maps for each battery are enclosed.

Lists of positions etc., will be obtained on arrival at Group Headquarters.

B.C.'s will closely study roads and approaches to positions they are to occupy.

Captain.

Major 1st Aust Div Arty.

- 1st F... Bde. 1-5.
- 2nd F... Bde. 6-10.
- 1st Aust Divn. 11.
- R.A. Aust Corps. 12.
- 1st Aust D.A.C. 13.
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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

25/2/1918.

ORDER NO. 115.

Refer. maps: Sheet 28.N.W.4. 1/10,000.
" 28.S.W.2. 1/10,000.

1. The First Australian Divisional Artillery (less D.A.H.Q., Trench Mortars and D.A.C.), will occupy positions in the 4th Australian Divn. Area, and will superimpose the Artillery already in the line. The 1st F.A.Bde. superimposed on the Right group (F Group), and the 2nd F.A.Bde. superimposed on the Left group (E Group).
Brigades will move as per attached table "A".

2. Batteries will occupy positions as follows:
1 Section on night of 26/27 Feby.
2 Sections " " " 27/28 Feby.
The occupation of positions will be completed by midnight 27/28th February.

3. The following are the locations of positions for each Battery:

1st Aust. F.A. Bde.		Position.	
1st Battery.		0.1.C.96.73.	(F2RA)
2nd "		0.1.C.26.30.	(F2RB)
3rd "		0.3.A.10.10.	(FRC)
101st "		0.3.A.70.90.	(FRD)
2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.			
4th Battery.		I.33.C.42.38.	(E1.A)
5th "		I.25.D.68.86.	(E2RB)
6th "	4 guns	I.32.D.65.65.)	(E1.C)
	2 guns	I.32.D.60.40.)	
102nd "		I.26.C.32.57.	

Headquarters, 2nd F.A. Brigade will occupy the Group Headquarters at LOCK 7.

4. It is intended that the Guns and Hows., will be registered only; any subsequent tasks will be carried out by direct orders from the C.R.A. in the line.

5. 200 rounds per gun will be maintained at positions mentioned above.

6. One Battery from each of 1st and 2nd F.A. Brigades will be detailed as a mobile reserve; the orders re this are being issued by C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division.

7. Separate instructions are being issued by the Staff Captain re Supplies and Transport and locations of Wagon Lines.

8. Acknowledge.

[Signature]
Captain.
a/bde. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty.

March Table . P.T.O.

T A B L E "A".

BRIGADE.	DATE.	STARTING POINT.	TIME.	FROM.	TO	ROUTE.
1st Aust. F.A. Bde.	25th Feby.	Cross Roads E.11.C.6.3.	9 am.	GD. SEC. BOIS.	LA CLYTTE.	OUTTERSTIERNE - BAILLEUL - LOCRE.
2nd Aust. F.A. Bde.	26th Feby.	Road Junction S.27.A.95.10.	9 am	Square A.2.	LA CLYTTE.	BAILLEUL - LOCRE.

Brigades will be met by Guides at the Cross Roads in LA CLYTTE, and directed to Wagon Lines.

Intervals as follows will be maintained between Batteries on line of march:

Between each Section of Bty. - 25 yards.

Between each Battery - 200 yards.

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2nd F.A. Brigade.	2.	K. Ammunition Park.	9.
1st Aust. D.A.C.	3.	Area Commandant, HERRIS Area.	10.
D.T.M.O. 1st Aust. Div.	4.	Staff Captain.	11.
4th Aust. Div. Arty.	5.	Reconnaissance Officer.	12.
1st Aust. Div.	6.	File.	13.
R.A. Aust. Corps.	7.	Diary.	14-16.
		Spare.	16-20.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

ORDER NO. 116

Foby. 27th. 1918.

Refer. Maps: Sheet 28.N.W.4. 1/10,000.
 " 28.S.W.2. 1/10,000.

1. In accordance with R.A. Aust. Corps Instructions No. 211, the 1st Aust. Div. Artillery will relieve the 4th Aust. Div. Artillery in "C" Division Sector, on the 2nd and 3rd March.
 Orders for relief by 1st and 2nd F.A. Brigades have already been issued by C.R.A. 4th Australian Division.
2. On relief Right Group will be commanded by Major. J.C. SELMES, D.S.O., during absence of Lieut.-Col. DEAN., D.S.O.
3. 1st Aust. Div. Medium T.M. Batteries will relieve 4th Aust. Div. Medium T.M. Batteries on 3rd March, under arrangements to be made between D.T.M.O.'s concerned.
 1st Aust. Div. T.M. Batteries will proceed from MERRIS AREA to COVENTRY CAMP, N.4.D.20.50., on the 2nd March.
 Motor lorries will report at 9 am for this purpose under arrangements to be made by Staff Captain.
4. 1st Aust. D.A.C., will remain in present wagon lines at OUTERSTLENE.
5. Command of the artillery in "C" Divisional Sector will pass to C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div. at 10 am on 4th March.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

[Signature]
 a/bd. Major. 1st Aust. Div. Arty. Captain.

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S.S.O. 1st Aust. Div.	8.
D.A.D.O.S. 1st Aust. Div.	9.
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Reconnaissance Officer	13.
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY.
No. <i>S/200</i>
Date.....

HEADQUARTERS,
20th Feb. 1918.

Positions of Batteries in the Line and Reinforcing Batteries in "C" Divisional Sector for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Zone

"E" and "F" Brigades are existing LEFT and RIGHT Groups respectively.

"ER" and "FR" positions are Reinforcing positions for these Groups.

LEFT Group Headquarters are at I 26 d 0505.
RIGHT " " " " LOCK 7, I 32 b 7030. ✓

Battery positions are as follows :-

1st ZONE.

E/A	I 28 a	5817	ER/A	I 28 b	0283
E/B	I 28 d	8080	ER/B	I 28 b	7010
E/C	I 28 d	4545	ER/C	I 29 c	5040
E/D	I 34 a	8060	ER/D	I 28 c	8050
F/A	I 34 b	5744	FR/A	I 34 b	2565
F/B	I 34 b	6864	FR/B	I 34 b	2930
	4 guns)			
	I 34 b	2930			
	2 guns.)			
F/C	O 3 c	6042	FR/C	3 0 3 a	1010 ✓ W.
F/D	I 33 d	5000	FR/D	101 0 3 a	7090 ✓

2nd ZONE

E2/A	I 26 b	2716	E2R/A	I 26 c	2993
E2/B	I 26 c	7272	E2R/B	I 25 d	6806
E2/C	I 26 c	9834	E2R/C	I 25 d	5450
E2/D	I 26 a	9222	E2R/D	I 26 c	3257
F2/A	O 1 a	7290	F2R/A	1 0 1 c	9673 ✓
F2/B	O 1 a	2355	F2R/B	2 0 1 c	2630 ✓
F2/C	O 1 c	2594	F2R/C	0 7 a	3770
F2/D	O 1 b	2028	F2R/D	0 1 c	7249

Spare positions 2nd ZONE

A	I 31 b	2580	marked K32	A	O 7 c	3094	marked K 20
B	I 31 c	8480	" K30	B	N 12 d	8864	" K 19
C	I 31 d	8311	" K29	C	N 12 d	5045	" K 18
D	I 31 b	0036	" K31	D	N 12 c	8572	" K 17

3rd ZONE

E3/A	N 7 d	6898	E3R/A	N 7 c	9233
E3/B	N 8 a	2544	E3R/B	N 7 d	4284
E3/C	N 7 b	7890	E3R/C	N 7 a	5523
E3/D	N 8 a	0368	E3R/D	N 7 c	1882.
F3/A	M 18 a	6857	F3R/A	M 24 a	0852
F3/B	N 13 a	0545	F3R/B	M 23 b	9173.
F3/C	N 13 a	8586	F3R/C	M 18 c	8255
F3/D	N 13 a	1862	F3R/D	M 18 c	5815.

SPARE.

A N 7 b 0039
 B N 7 b 0288
 C N 1 d 9323
 D N 7 a 5654

ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

C. J. Hall

Major, Ret.
Brigade-Major
Artillery.

4th Australian Divisional

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET ORDER NO. 113.

HEADQUARTERS,
23rd Feb. 1918.

Sheet 28. 4000

The 1st F.A. Bde will go into

1. The 1st Australian Divisional Artillery (1st and 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigades) are being brought up and will go into action on the nights 26th/27th and 27th/28th into the following positions :-

1st Aust. F.A. Brigade :-	Position.
1st Battery --	F 2 R A
2nd Battery --	F 2 R B
3rd Battery --	F R C
101st How. " --	F R D

OIC 96.73
OIC 26.30
O3A 10.10
O3A 70.90

2nd Aust. F.A. Brigade :-	Position.
4th Battery --	Position to be found in I 33.
5th Battery --	E 2 R B.
6th Battery --	Position to be found in I 33.
102nd How. " --	E 2 R D.

GROUP HEADQUARTERS at LOOK 7. 1.32 B70.30

Batteries of the 1st and 2nd F.A. Bdes will form a group

2. and The above Group will be superimposed on the whole Divisional front.

3. The 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades will interchange positions with the 1st and 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigades on about 2nd/3rd and 3rd/4th march when the C.R.A., 1st Aust. D.A. will take command of the Artillery covering the front. Further orders will be issued on this point.

4. Further instructions will be given re wagon lines.

5. Right Group will ensure that positions F R C and F R D are completed. Remaining positions are being made by Pioneers, 1st Aust. Division.

6. 37th and 38th Batteries will withdraw by Sections to their new positions at I 33 a 7 8 and I 27 d 5 2, one Section of each Battery on the nights 27th/28th Feb., 28th Feb./1st March, 1st/2nd March, or by day if foggy, at the Group Commander's discretion, arrangements being made that 4 guns in each Battery are always in position registered. Guards will be left in evacuated positions.

7. Registration of 1st Aust. Division Batteries will be assisted as much as possible by 4th Aust. D.A. Groups. Batteries in I 33 and F R C and F R D will superimpose on the Left Group S.O.S. Barrage Line.

F 2 R A and

F 2 R A and F 2 R B, E 2 R D and E 2 R E will superimpose on the Right Group's S.O.S. line. These Batteries will only register and then will become silent.

8. Reinforcing Positions marked E 4 A, B, C and D and F R A and B may have work stopped on them for the present but their present condition must be maintained. Ammunition dumped at these positions may be used up as required.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

M. J. ...

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

DISTRIBUTION.

Issued to :-

- 1 - 5 10th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 6 - 10 11th " " "
- 11 4th Aust. D.A.C..
- 12 4th Aust. D.T.M.O..
- Copies to (for inf) :-
- 13 - 15 1st Aust. D.A.
- 16 4th Aust. Div..
- 17 R.A., Aust. Corps.
- 18 Right D.A., XXII Corps.
- 19 5th Aust. D.A..
- 20 4th Aust. Inf. Bde..
- 21 12th " " "
- 22 15th " " "
- 23 C.R.A..
- 24 S.C..
- 25 R.O..
- 26 Pilo.
- 27 - 29 Diary.
- 30 Spare.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

SECRET

INSTRUCTION No. 34.

HEADQUARTERS,
25th Feb. 1918.

1. The following Grouping will come into effect on completion of the 1st Aust. Div. Artillery brigade being put into action.
2. The 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery Brigade will form the "SUPERIMPOSED GROUP" under the Command of Lieut.-Col. D.H. MOORE, D.S.O. (Headquarters -- LOCK 7).
3. 18-prs. will cover the entire S.O.S. line covered by the 4th Australian Division as follows :-

RIGHT GROUP

Barrage line :-

- 1 Bty. O 12 a 4848. e O 8 d 0210 - 8010 - P 1 c 4454.
- 1 Bty. P 1 c 4454 - P 1 b 7747 - P 2 a 0250
- 1 Bty. P 2 a 0250 - J 32 c 5834.

LEFT GROUP

Barrage line :-

- 1 Bty. J 32 c 5834 - J 32 b 2230.
- 1 Bty. J 32 b 2230 - J 26 d 6004 - 6427.
- 1 Bty. J 26 d 6427 - 6067 - J 27 c 0074 - J 27 a 1700.

Batteries occupying the following positions will be superimposed on the LEFT GROUP barrage line :-

F R O, I 33 c 4235 and I 32 d 6565.

Remaining 18-pr. Batteries will be superimposed on the RIGHT GROUP barrage line.

4. S.O.S. objectives of SUPERIMPOSED Howitzer Batteries will be as follows :-

3 Hows. north of CANAL sweeping between LOCK No. 6 and PIN HOUSE.

3 Hows. sweeping between CIRCUS POINT and DAMP COPSE.

1 How. on each of the following points :-

- KENT FARM
- LONG FARM
- PACK FARM
- J 33 a 2095.
- J 27 c 24.
- TROT HOUSE.

5. The SUPERIMPOSED GROUP will not open fire on S.O.S. unless ordered to do so by this Office and except as below. On receipt of an S.O.S. Signal or message, Batteries will stand to and make every preparation to open fire. If "Counter-Preparation" has been ordered and an S.O.S. Signal is received, SUPERIMPOSED GROUP will at once open fire.

INSTRUCTION NO. 34 (Continued)

6. 200 rounds per gun will be maintained at SUPERIMPOSED GROUP positions. This ammunition - in view of difficulties of turn over - must be carefully protected.

7. The SUPERIMPOSED GROUP Batteries will register on the 27th and 28th Feb. and 1st March between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.: Subject to Infantry requirements, RIGHT and LEFT GROUP Batteries will not fire between those hours.

8. RIGHT and LEFT Group O.P. wires will be available for registration of SUPERIMPOSED GROUP Batteries by mutual arrangement and D.Cs. of RIGHT and LEFT Groups will assist the Batteries superimposed on their Zones in their registration if required.

9. One wireless mast of superimposed Brigades will be erected at F R O position and the second at one of the E 2 R positions.

10. On completion of registration, SUPERIMPOSED GROUP will not fire except for S.O.S. as in para. 5.

11. The SUPERIMPOSED Group will select and man two of the undermentioned O.Ps. night and day :-

- I 30 b 0 0
 - I 30 d 1995
 - I 29 d 0510
 - O 4 a 0508
- } 2nd Zone
} O.Ps.

so as to cover the entire front: S.O.S. rockets will be maintained at these O.Ps.

12. The order of the RIGHT and LEFT Group 18-prs. on the S.O.S. Barrage is as follows from the South :-

- 39th, 37th, 38th, 42nd, 43rd, and 41st.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY COPY NO. 11

SECRET. ORDER NO. 114.

HEADQUARTERS,
26th Feb. 1918.

1. In accordance with R.A. AUST. CORPS INSTRUCTIONS No. 211, the 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery Brigades will relieve the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Brigades in the Forward Zone on the 2nd and 3rd of March.
On the same dates the Batteries of the 4th Australian Div. Artillery will take over the "SUPERIMPOSED GROUP" positions from the 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery Batteries.
2. The relief will be carried out as follows :-

March 2nd	--	1 Section per Battery,
March 3rd	--	Remaining Sections.

1st Aust. F.A. Bde.	relieves the	10th Aust. F.A. Bde.,
2nd " " "	" " "	11th " " "

and vice versa for "SUPERIMPOSED GROUP" positions.
Batteries will relieve each other in order of numerical seniority.
3. Guns, Sights, Sight Clinometers, Dial sight Carriers, and aiming posts will be handed over in situ.
No other stores will be handed over.
4. One Officer per Battery of 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery will remain behind with the relieving Battery of the 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery for 24 hours after relief.
5. Command of interchanging Batteries will pass on completion of both Batteries' relief.
6. Command of RIGHT and LEFT Groups will pass to C.Os. 1st and 2nd Aust. F.A. Brigades respectively, at 5 p.m. on March 3rd..
7. C.O. 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will take over Command of the SUPERIMPOSED Group at the same hour.
8. Liaison Officers' duties with Infantry Battalions in the line will be taken over by the 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery Officers by 5 p.m., March 3rd..
9. The C.R.A. 4th Australian Division will hand over Command of the Field Artillery covering the "C" Division AUSTRALIAN CORPS Sector to the C.R.A. 1st Aust. Division at 10 a.m. March 4th..
10. Wagon Lines now occupied by 4th Aust. D.A. Brigades will be taken over by 1st Aust. D.A. Brigades and vice versa on March 3rd.

10. Continued.

- ROUTES :-
- 1st Aust. F.A. Bde., from ELZENWALLE via KEMMEL.
 - 10th Aust. F.A. Bde., to ELZENWALLE via LA CLYTTE and VIERSTRAAT.
 - 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde., from COVENTRY and ADEN Camp to DETTIGEN via VIERSTRAAT and KEMMEL.
From SEBASTOPOL to DETTIGEN via BANDON Road.
 - 11th Aust. F.A. Bde., from DETTIGEN to COVENTRY and ADEN, via LA CLYTTE and HALLEBASTE.
To SEBASTOPOL via LA CLYTTE and LOCRE.

STARTING POINTS :-

- 1st Aust. F.A. Bde., BRASSERIE 10 a.m..
- 10th Aust. F.A. Bde., Cross Roads LA CLYTTE. 10 a.m..
- 2nd Aust. F.A. Bde. Btys. from COVENTRY AND EDEN -- LAITERIE (N 16 d 2 4) Btys. from SEBASTOPOL -- Cross Roads N 13 c 2575 } 1 p.m..
- 11th Aust. F.A. Bde. Cross Roads LA CLYTTE 1 p.m..

Rear parties will be left by each Brigade in each Camp to hand over.

11. 7th and 8th Batteries M.T. Mortars will be relieved by the 1st and 2nd Batteries Medium Trench Mortars on the 3rd March under arrangements to be made between D.T.M.Os. concerned. All 6" T.M. equipment will be handed over and receipts taken. Personnel of 1st and 2nd Batteries will arrive at COVENTRY CAMP on the 2nd instant. Personnel of 7th and 8th Batteries will proceed to STRAZEELE on the 4th instant and will take over accommodation at COVENTRY Camp from 1st and 2nd Batteries on the 3rd instant, for the night 3rd/4th. Six Nissen Huts at COVENTRY CAMP will be reserved for T.M. Batteries.

12. Completion of all reliefs to be notified to this Office by wire.

13. Please ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

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

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

28th February, 1918.

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In the Field.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

UNIT.	PERSONNEL		Total.	HORSES AND MULES.				Total.
	Offs.	O/Rs.		Offs.	Ridg.	L.D.	H.D.	
B.H.Q.	3.	26.	29.	4.	6.	3.	-	13.
Attd. as per War Establishment.	2.	6.	8.	2.	-	-	-	2.
1st Battery.	7.	203.	210.	9½	25.	115.	-	115.
2nd "	6.	194.	200.	9.	20.	102.	2.	158.
3rd "	7.	195.	202.	3.	26.	111.	2.	157.
101st "	6.	194.	200.	9.	20.	107.	-	145.
	31.	818.	849.	36.	97.	438.	4.	630.

	DETAILS		ATTACHED.
	Offs.	O/Rs.	Horses.
A.F.C.		3.	
A.M.C.		5.	
D.H.Q.			1.
Camp Wardens.		4.	
Machine Gun Instructor,		1.	
Interpreter.		1.	1.
Div. Sigs.	1.	24.	15.
Chaplain.	1.		1.
	2.	38.	18.

Captain.
Adjutant. 1st. P.A. Brigade.

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