

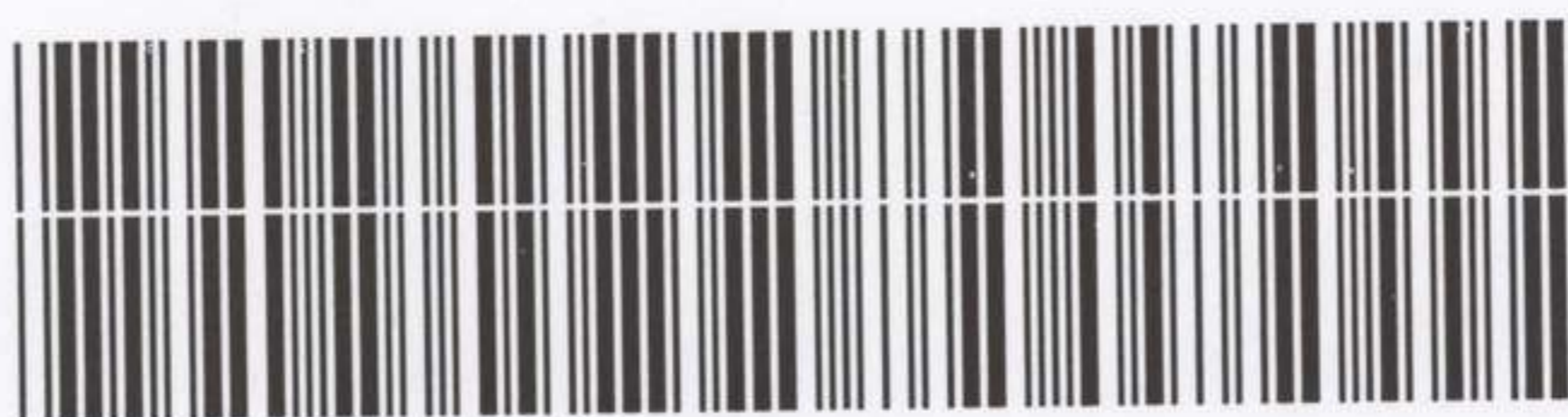
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May 1919



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Australian Imperial Force.

**WAR DIARY**

OF

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

FOR

PERIOD FROM 1ST TO 18 TH MAY 1919. ~~191~~

*One copy only  
of appendices.  
E.R. Jones*

Signature of Officer compiling *[Handwritten Signature]*

Signature of Officer Commanding (Signed) C.A. Callaghan DSO.  
Lieut. Col.



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
Thuin	May	1st.	Brigade Routine Orders Attached and Marked <i>Heu</i> Corps Troops, 3rd Div. Artillery, 36th Heavy Artillery Brigade, and 2nd D.A.C. came under the 4th A.F.A. Brigade. All Units of the 2nd Div. Arty. and Corps Troops were called 13th Battery, and 36th Heavy Artillery were called 36th Heavy Artillery Bde. Battery.	I.
		"	Copy of Printed Orders with Ref. to Claims attached and marked.	II.
		2nd.	Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked. <i>Heu</i>	III.
		<del>13th</del>	Ordinary Routine.	IV.
		3rd.	All remaining 3rd Div Artillery left for England en route for Australia. <i>Heu</i>	IV.
		4&5th	Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked.	IV.
		6th.	Ordinary Routine.	IV.
		7th.	Remaining two Horses on strength sent to V.E.S. for disposal. <i>Heu</i>	IV.
		8to10th.	13th Battery held a Picnic on a Belgian Sports Ground at Thuin. The Picnic was a great success and was largely attended by all ranks. This was the last outdoor event in the History of the 4th A.F.A. Brigade in the field. <i>Heu</i>	IV.
		11th.	Ordinary Routine.	IV.
		12&13th.	Brigade Routine Orders attached and marked. <i>Heu</i>	IV.
		14th.	Dance held by the 13th Battery. About 70 couples attended and was a big success. <i>Heu</i>	IV.
		15th.	Embarkation Order Quota No. 55 attached and marked. <i>Heu</i>	IV.
		16th.	Clearance Certificate from the Burghmaster attached and marked. <i>Heu</i>	IV.
17th.		IV.		



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Thuin.	May 18th.		<p>All remaining Personnel of the 2nd Div Artillery, including 4th 5th and 6th Brigades, 2nd D.A.C., Corps Troops and 36th Heavy Artillery Brigade <del>Battery</del> left for England en route for Australia. A very large part of the Civil Population of Thuin turned out to see the last of the Australian Troops. This Quota was about the most orderly and best turned out, that has left Thuin and was probably due to the regard that all Ranks had for the O.C. Quota, Lieut. Col. C.A. Callaghan DSO. <i>ACU</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUMMARY.</u></p> <p>The Month of May up to the 18th Inst., when the 4th A.F.A. Brigade ceased to Function, was spent in finally winding up everything. The whole Town was cleaned up by parties of men in charge of Officers, and all places occupied by the Troops left thoroughly clean. Certificates for all Billees were obtained. During the Month, the 2nd and 3rd Div Artilleries, with the 36th Heavy Artillery were commanded by Lieut. Col Callaghan DSO.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Callaghan on the all B &amp; A units</i></p>	



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

ROUTINE ORDERS  
by

LIEUT.COL CALLAGHAN DSO COMMANDING.

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K.K.K.K. 1.5.1919.

PROMOTIONS. To be Lieutenants.

747.

P/2/Lieut. R.W. SCOTT, from 2.4.1919.  
P/2/Lieut. W. Warren, from 3.4.1919.  
P/2/Lieut. R.A. Eaton, from 4.4.1919.  
P/2/Lieut. A.G.H. Boughen from 5.4.1919.  
P/2/Lieut. J.D. Boydell, from 7.4.1919.  
A.I.F. Orders 1608.

NOTICES.

DESPATCH OF PRIVATE CABLES ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE A.I.F.

On and from 1st May 1919, A.I.F. Headquarters, London, will cease to despatch private cables on behalf of members of the A.I.F. Those desirous of sending private messages should apply at a Public Post Office. The rates for messages to Australia are: 3/- per word; deferred, 1/6 per word.

On the embarkation of members of the A.I.F. for return to Australia, a cablegram is sent to the Defence Department, Melbourne, giving the name and particulars of each person embarked, and upon receipt of this information the Defence Department arranges:-

- (1) for the next-of-kin in Australia of each person embarking to be informed;
- (2) for complete lists of the Officers and Soldiers on each ship to be published in the press throughout Australia.

Distribution.  
13th. Battery.  
26th. Battery.  
36th Battery. A.H.A.  
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*H. L. L. L.* Lieut.  
Adj. 4th A.F.A. Brigade.



# VILLE DE THUIN

## Avis urgent

Monsieur le Commandant de Place Australien me demande de faire connaître au public que les réclamations pour dégâts causés à Thuin par les troupes Australiennes doivent lui être remises en ses bureaux (ancienne Pharmacie Rochez, Ville-Haute), au plus tard le 10 Mai prochain.

Les paiements dus en vertu de réclamations justifiées, seront immédiatement faits par les soins du Commandant de Place.

Passé la date du 10 Mai, il ne sera plus rien payé par lui.

Les intéressés sont invités à réclamer strictement ce qui leur revient, mais sans exagération.

Le 3 Mai 1919.

Le Bourgmestre,

**V. VILAIN.**

Imp. Huaux, Thuin,



May 11

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A. ALVIN

1st Lt. 1st Div.

10 May 1918

Dear Sir,

I am writing you in regard to the...

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Yours...

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ROUTINE ORDERS.

by  
LIEUT-COLONEL C.A. CALLAGHAN DSO. COMMANDING.

Headquarters,  
3rd May 1919.

TRANSFERS.

748.

No. 54059. Gnr. WILKINSON S.A.J. is transferred from 4th A.F.A.Bde. H.Q. to 13th Battery, dated 2/5/19.

Temp. Bdr. Actg. Cpl. DEMPSTER M. is transferred from 4th A.F.A.Bde H.Q. to 13th Battery, dated 2/5/19.

PROMOTIONS.

749.

No. 54059. Gnr. WILKINSON S.A.J. 13th Battery to be Temp. Bdr. to complete establishment, dated 2/5/19. S.P.B. No. 512148.

Temp. Bdr. Actg. Cpl. DEMPSTER M. 13th Battery to be Temp. Cpl. to complete establishment, dated 2/5/19. S.P.B. No. 181214.

No. 53562. Gnr. TOVEY P. 13th Battery, to be Temp. Cpl. to complete establishment, dated 2/5/19. S.P.B. No. 511073.

No. 6560. Gnr. FULLER F.J. 13th Battery to be Lance/Bdr. to complete establishment, dated 2/5/19. S.P.B. No. 266800.

No. 39647. Gnr. GRUMMETT A. 13th Battery to be Lance/Bdr. to complete establishment, dated 2/5/19. S.P.B. No. 611347.

LEAVE.

750.

CADRE B'S.

751.

All leave will cease from 5/5/19. After that date no leave whatever will be granted.

All Cadre B's. of Units will in future go to Records with Drafts of that Unit.

*Human* Lieut.  
Adj. 4th A.F.A.Bde.

DISTRIBUTION.

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26th Battery.  
36th A.H.A.B. Battery.  
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE ROUTINE ORDERS.

by

LIEUT-COLONEL C.A.CALLAGHAN DSO. COMMANDING?

"B" 2. ARTILLERY.

4th AUSTRALIAN  
F A BRIGADE.

No.....

Date.....

Headquarters,  
7th May 1919.

COURT OF  
ENQUIRY.  
752.

A Court of Enquiry will assemble at "VILLA JEANNE"  
(Headquarters 4th A.F.A. Brigade.) at 0930. tomorrow  
8th. May 1919. to inquire into the loss of the Clothing  
of 2nd Divisional Artillery Baths, and any other  
matter that may be brought before it.

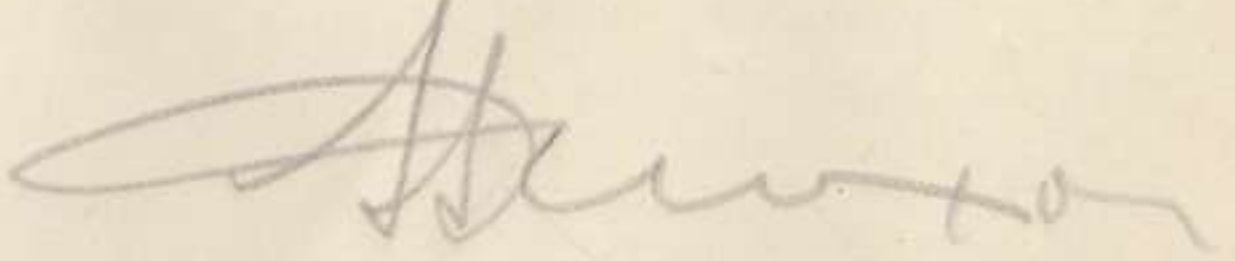
PRESIDENT.

Major T. STEELE. 13th Battery.

MEMBERS.

Capt D.A. FOWLER. 13th Battery.  
Lieut. T.H. MILLETT. 13th "

4th A.F.A. Brigade will arrange to have necessary  
witnesses present.

  
Lieut.  
Adj. 4th A.F.A. Bde.



ROUTINE ORDERS.

issued by.

LIEUT-COLONEL C.A. CALLAGHAN DSO. COMMANDING "B" 2. (ARTILLERY)  
SUB GROUP.

Headquarters,  
14th May 1919.


PROMOTIONS.

753.

No.3610. Corpl. PYLE R.T. 13th Battery to be Acting  
Sergt. dated 13.5.19. to complete establishment.  
S.P.B. No.44629.  
No.4008. A/Bdr. WOODHOUSE A.N. 13th Battery. to be Temp.  
Cpl. and Actg/Sgt dated 13.5.19. to complete establish-  
ment.S.P.B. No. 609060.  
No.7736. A/Bdr. GOSS H.A. 13th Battery to be Temp/Cpl. and  
Actg/Sgt. dated 13.5.19. to complete establishment.  
S.P.B. No.900082.  
No.28058. Actg/Bdr. O'DONNELL M.T. 13th Battery, to be  
Temp/Bdr. and Actg/Cpl. dated 13.5.19. to complete  
establishment. S.P.B. 181318.  
No.54524. Gnr. TUCKERMAN A.C. 13th Battery, to be Temp/  
Bdr. and Actg/Cpl. dated 13.5.19. to complete establish-  
ment.S.P.B. No. 512434.  
No.55363. Gnr. DAVIES G.G.P. 13th Battery, to be Temp/  
Bdr. and Actg/Cpl. dated 13 .5.19. to complete establish-  
ment. S.P.B. No.612740.  
No.60687. Gnr. GRIBBLE. T. 13th Battery. to be Temp/Bdr.  
dated 13.5.19. to complete establishment. S.P.B.No.613090.  
No.54209. Gnr. HENRY L.J. 13th Battery, to be Temp/Bdr.  
dated 13.5.19. to complete establishment.S.P.B.No.512222.  
No.34838. Gnr. VALLACK C.A. 13th Battery, to be Temp/Bdr.  
dated 13.5.19. to complete establishment.S.P.B.No.164643.

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13th Battery.  
36th A.H.A.B. Battery.  
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Lieut-Colonel.  
Adj. "B" 2. (Artillery) Sub Group.



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"B" 2. (ARTILLERY) SUB GROUP. ROUTINE ORDERS.

issued by

LIEUT. COLONEL C.A. CALLAGHAN DSO. COMMANDING.

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Headquarters,  
15th May 1919.

PROMOTIONS.

754.

No. 1095. Temp/Bdr. HADFIELD E.G. 36th A.H.A.B. Battery to be Temp/Cpl. dated 1/5/19 to complete establishment. S.P.B. No. 503414.

No. 1302. Gnr. KIRBY G.J. 36th A.H.A.B. Battery to be Temp/Bdr. dated 1/5/19. to complete establishment. S.P.B. No. 509096.

DISTRIBUTION.

13th Battery.  
36th A.H.A.B. Battery.  
War Records.  
File.

Lieut.  
Adj. "B" 2. (Artillery) Sub Group.



"B" 2. (ARTILLERY) SUB GROUP.

Headquarters,  
16th May 1919.

EMBARKATION QUOTA No. 55.

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- (1) ASSEMBLY. Quota will concentrate at "B" Div Reinforcement Camp between the hours of 1300. and 1500 on the 18th May 1919. They will entrain at CHARLEROI on the morning of the 19th May 1919. On arrival of Companies at the "B" Div. Reinforcement Wing Rolls will be checked and report made to the Adjutant of the Quota. Company Commanders will be responsible for the safe keeping of all Army Forms and Papers until arrival at the Aust. Base Camp. HAVRE, when they will be collected by the Quota Adjutant.
  - (2) ORGANISATION. The Quota will be organised into four Companies A. Company to consist of 2nd Div. Artillery with Headquarters detachment of four Officers and six O.Rs. B. Company. Remainder of the 36th H.A.B. Battery. C and D. Companies Infantry Draft of the Quota.
  - (3) STAFF. Lieut-Colonel C.A. CALLAGHAN DSO. C/o Quota.  
Major T. STEELE. 2nd in Command.  
Capt D.A. FOWLER. Adjutant.  
Capt P. WAGSTAFF. and Lieut. EKENSTEIN. Officers attached to Headquarters detachment.  
Capt. E.R. JUSTILIUS. A. Company Commander.  
Capt. H.W.C. McBRIDE. B. Company Commander.  
C. and D. Companies to be detailed by "B" 2. Infantry Sub Group.
  - (4) ADVANCE PARTY. An advance Party of one Officer and two N.C.os. will be detailed by 13th Battery to report to "B" Aust Group Div. Reinforcement Wing by 12. Noon on the 17th inst, to make arrangements for accommodation and entrainment etc.
  - (5) NOMINAL ROLLS. Five Copies of Nominal Rolls will be handed to O.C. "B" Reinforcement Wing. 3 Copies will be returned to O.C. Quota and two Copies will be despatched to Divisional Headquarters by O.C. "B" Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing as soon as possible, after Rolls have been checked and verified and the Quota has marched out to entraining Station. Rolls will be checked on assembling at Divisional Wing by Company Commanders, and again checked on the morning when assembled for march to Railway Station. Rolls of each Company will be certified as correct both as regard numbers on Parade and correctness of Regimental Numbers, Ranks and Names of all personnel on the Quota.
  - (6) CONDUCT SHEETS. Conduct Sheets will be handed in with Nominal Rolls. These Conduct <sup>Sheets</sup> will accompany men to AUSTRALIA.
  - (7) ACCOMODATION. Arrangement have been made "Z" Aust. Demob. Trains will in future consist of 42 Trucks in addition to two Kitchens and two break- Vans. This will take 1000 all Ranks at the rate of 40 Trucks with 24 each, and two trucks with 20 each in. Train rations will be carried in Van provided with Kitchen set for the purpose
  - (8) RATIONS. Two days rations plus Iron Rations will be placed on the train by O.C. "B" Div. Reinforcement Camp, for all Ranks of the Quota. The Q.M. "B" 2. (Artillery) Sub Group will deliver 24 hours rations at the "B" Reinforcement Wing on the 18th inst. O.C. A. and B. Companies will detail Cooks to prepare the mid-day meal and to proceed with the advance party. O.C. C. and D. Companies will make necessary arrange-



RATIONS. Continued.

ments for rationing their Companies on the 18th inst.

- (9) The C.O. of Quota will wire departure from ROMES Camp to the Depot and to mark telegram priority.
- (10) BAGGAGE AND CADRE RECORDS. Each Company will make it own Separate arrangements for the shifting and guarding of the Companies Baggage. Headquarters detachment of the Quota will do the same.
- (11) EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING. (a) Drafts will be fully armed and equipped including Box Respirators, but excepting ammunition and bombs.  
 (b) All Arms and accoutrements excepting Mess Tins, and Steel Helmets, except if desired by the men will be handed in at the store at A.G.B.D.HAVRE.  
 (c) Personnel will leave Units with only the minimum scale of clothing and underclothing as laid down in A.P.P. app.C. to G.R.O. 6081. but add there to one towel and one pair of Gloves.  
 (d) Each man will have three blankets. Ground Sheet "P" will be handed in to store before leaving Unit.  
 (e) Each man will be despatched to A.G.B.D. HAVRE as fully provided with small kit as possible, the balance will be made up at HAVRE.  
 (F) Special articles of Winter Clothing and any clothing in excess of scale shewn in app. "C" G.R.O. 6081. except as stated in para. "C" will be handed into store before the man leaves his Unit.  
 (g) Blankets will be handed in at Aust. Base Depot and not dumped at detraining Station.  
 (h) Officers will take complete Kits.  
 (i) Attention is drawn to general instructions No.10. Sections "E" and "C".
- (12) COOKS. Cooks as already detailed. Nominal Rolls of men selected as Cooks will be shewn on Roll.
- (13) Discipline. The O.C.Quota will be O.C. Train and will submit a report of the journey to "B" Aust. Division from Aust. Base Depot. a picked Guard of 10% will be told off by each Company. This Guard will be employed keeping discipline throughout the journey. Draft conduction N.C.Os. will travel one in each truck or carriage occupied by the Draft. The Drafts will be warned before they leave their Units that certain Orders will be strictly observed throughout the journey.  
 (a) Men are only to travel in the trucks or Compartments allotted to them. On no account are men to travel on roof or buffers.  
 (b) Men are not to leave the trucks in which they are travelling without permission and at a halt will not go out of the Station Yard with out permission.  
 (c) No Wine, Beer, or other intocicants are to be taken into the trucks in which the men are travelling. Men will be warned that any man quilty of disobedience of these orders will be tried by F.G.C.M. and will forfeit their right to early return to AUSTRALIA.
- (14) Q1. Forms, Medical Forms, and movements Cards will be prepared and sent as usual for all personnel proceeding with the Quota.



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(15) ENTRAINMENT. O.C. "B" Div. Reinforcement Wing will prepare the Train for entrainment. O.C. Quota will detail entraining Officer to work in conjunction with O.C. "B" Div. Reinforcement Wing. No man to leave the immediate vicinity of his truck after entrainment. On completion of entrainment, including loading rations and comforts Companies Commanders will get all men aboard including Guards, and report to Adjutant Quota when this is done.

6) TRANSPORT. "A" and "B" Companies will be transported by train to CHARLEROI train arrangements will be notified later.

D I S T R I B U T I O N .

- O.C. Quota No.55.
- "A" Company.
- "B" "
- "C" "
- "D" "
- Q.M. for information.
- File.
- Diary.
- B 2 INFANTRY SUB GROUP

Adj. "B" 2. (Artillery) Sub Group. Lieut.



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VIII  
Copy of Certificate of Clearance given by the  
Burgomaster of Thuin.

" This is to certify that the Australian Troops, who have been billeted in Thuin between the dates of the 20th December 1918 and the 18th May 1919, have, during that period, conducted themselves in a satisfactory manner. That all Claims have been settled, excepting a few cases which are now under the consideration of the Claims Officer. That the Billets vacated by the Troops have been left in a clean and sanitary condition."

(Signed ) Le Bourgeois de la ville  
de Thuin.

V. VILIAN.