

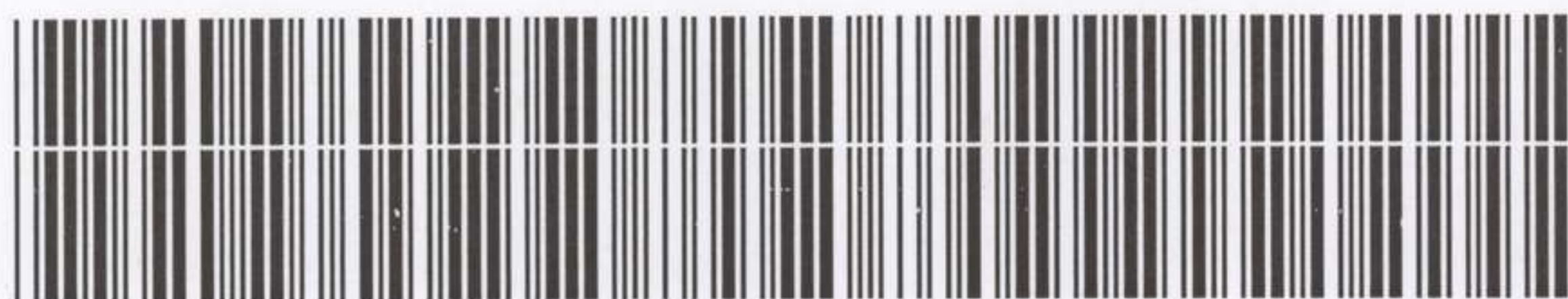
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				<p style="text-align: right;"><u>ORIGINAL.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <u>WAR DIARY</u> of <u>4TH AUST. DIV. ARTY. H.Q.R.S.,</u> for month of <u>SEPTEMBER 1918.</u> </p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Compiling) Officer's) Signature)</p> <p><u>Ct. Rowan.</u></p> <p>Lieut., Staff-Lieut., 4th Aust. Div. Artillery.</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Commanding) Officer's) Signature)</p> <p><u>W. H. Dungen.</u></p> <p>Brigadier-General, C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division.</p> </div> </div>	

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CAMON (near AMIENS).	<u>September 1918</u>			<u>Reference Maps</u> -- <u>62C and 62D, 1/40,000.</u>		
	1st			The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters is situated at CAMON (AMIENS Area) and is commanded by Brigadier-General W.L.H. BURGESS, C.M.G., D.S.O.) At 3 p.m. Bishop LONG, the Director of the A.I.F. Education Scheme, lectured to the Divisional Artillery on the Scheme. ---		Car
	2nd			Battery training continued; Sections trained in driving drill by Section Commanders. (See Syllabus in APPENDIX IX, ORIGINAL only). ---		Car
	3rd			In the morning the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division (Major-General E.G. SINCLAIR MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O.) inspected the Divisional Artillery which marched past in column of route. At 3 p.m. the C.R.A. conferred with the C.Os. of the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades and 4th Aust. Div. Ammunition Column. ---		Car
	4th			The C.R.A. and Brigade Commanders attended a meeting of Australian Press Representatives at 4th Aust. Div. Headquarters at BUSSY-les-DAOURS. ---		Car
5th				The C.R.A. made a reconnaissance of a Training Area in the vicinity of AMIENS to be used as a Divisional Artillery Manoeuvre Ground. (See Letter C/4/80, APPENDIX IX). Orders were received to the effect that the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery was to move to the PROYART AREA on the 7th instant. ---		Car
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CAMON (near AMIENS)	September 1918.			The C.R.A. visited the PROYART AREA. Lieut. A.A. DEVINE reported for duty from R.B.A.A. HEYTESBURY, and was posted to 38th Battery, 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.		
	6th					
BARLEUX.	7th			4th Aust. Divisional Artillery Headquarters moved to a position West of BARLEUX, N 16 b 2 5). REFERENCE MAP -- Sheet 62C, 1/40,000. The Divisional Artillery - less M.T.M. Batteries - marched to the PROYART Area, passing through MORCOURT.		
	8th			The C.R.A. visited the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Div. at HERBECOURT during the morning. In the afternoon information was received that the 4th Aust. Div. Artillery would march to FEUILLERES Area on Sept. 9th..		
	9th			The C.R.A. and Staff spent the night at HANCOURT (Sheet 62C). The Divisional Artillery - less T.M. Batteries - marched to FEUILLERES Area.		
CATELET.	10th			The C.R.A. (Brigadier-General W.L.H. BURGESS, C.M.G., D.S.O.) visited the C.R.A., 5th Aust. Division at ETERPIGNY, in connection with the relief of the 5th Aust. Divisional Artillery by the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery. 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. was located at CATELET. 4th Aust. Div. Artillery (less T.M. Batteries) was in wagon lines in the FEUILLERES Area.		
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CATELET	September '18.	11th		<p>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. was established at CATELET at 10.30 a.m..</p> <p>The C.R.A. attended a Conference held at Headquarters 4th Australian Division, CATELET, during the morning.</p> <p>The 4th Australian Div. Artillery marched from the FEUILLERES Area to the CARTIGNY Area and relieved the 5th Aust. Div. Artillery in the Line; relief was completed at 10 p.m..</p> <p>The 4th Aust. Div. Artillery is flanked on the Right by the 36th Div. Artillery (IX Corps) and the 1st Aust. Div. Artillery on the Left.</p> <p>The Artillery under the command of the C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division, is grouped as follows :-</p> <p><u>SUPPORT ARTILLERY BRIGADE</u> -- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..</p> <p><u>10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.</u></p> <p><u>ADVANCED GUARD ARTILLERY</u> -- Lieut.-Col. C.H. SPURGE.</p> <p><u>11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.</u></p> <p><u>RESERVE ARTILLERY GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. A.D.H. WEST, D.S.O..</p> <p><u>5th ARMY Brigade, R.H.A..</u> <u>298th ARMY Brigade, R.F.A..</u></p> <p>with the <u>9th Brigade R.G.A.</u> attached as a <u>SUPPORT HEAVY ARTILLERY BRIGADE</u>, commanded by Lieut.-Col. OWEN.</p> <p>/ 12th</p>		

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	<u>September 1918.</u>					
<u>CATELET.</u>	12th			<p>The 12th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. relieved the 5th ARMY Brigade R.H.A. in the line at 5 p.m., Command of the RESERVE GROUP passed to Lieut.-Col. H.W. LLOYD, C.M.G., D.S.O. at that hour.</p> <p>The 32nd Division captured the high ground on the Right of the AUSTRALIAN CORPS front including ST QUENTIN Wood.</p> <p>The 4th Aust. D.T.M.O. and personnel of the 7th and 8th Med. T.M. Batteries travelled by lorry from the CAMON Area to CARTIGNY Area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
	13th			<p>The 298th ARMY Brigade R.F.A. was relieved in the line by the 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. at 12 noon and Lieut.-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O., 6th ARMY Brigade, assumed command of the RESERVE GROUP from that hour.</p> <p>The C.R.A. made a reconnaissance of the forward areas with the object of selecting advanced Battery Areas.</p> <p>A Conference was held at Australian Corps Headquarters at 5 p.m.. The C.R.A. attended.</p> <p>The 5th Brigade R.H.A. and 298th ARMY Brigade R.F.A. passed to the IX Corps on relief.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
	14th			<p>At 10.30 a.m. the C.R.A. attended a Conference at Headquarters 4th Aust. Division, CATELET.</p> <p>The 9th Brigade R.G.A. came under orders of Aust. Corps H.A. from 9 a.m..</p> <p>A position was selected for advanced H.Q. for the ensuing operations at Q 6 a 0 5, N.E. of BERNES.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
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<u>CATELET.</u>	<u>September</u>		<u>1918.</u>			
	15th			<p>The C.R.A. held a Conference of Brigade and Battery Commanders at D.A.H.Q., CATELET, to discuss the detail for the advance to the HINDENBURG LINE.</p> <p>Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O., Acting C.R.A. 5th Aust. Division, also attended.</p> <p>The 232nd ARMY Brigade R.F.A. marched to the CARTIGNY Area and came under the orders of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division at mid-night; this Brigade remained in wagon lines.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
	16th			<p>The 5th Aust. Div. Artillery (less D.A.H.Q. and T.M. Batteries) marched to the CARTIGNY Area and passed under the command of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division on arrival.</p> <p>A conference was held at 4th Aust. Div. Headquarters; the C.R.A. attended.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
<u>Near VENDELLES.</u>	17th			<p>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. closed at CATELET at 10 a.m. and opened at Q 6 a 1 6 (near VENDELLES) at the same hour.</p> <p>During the night the RIGHT and LEFT Groups moved up into previously prepared forward positions from which they would be able to put down a Protective Barrage on the Final Objective.</p> <p>The 13th and 14th Aust. F.A. Brigades (5th Aust. Div. Artillery) and the 232nd Bde. R.F.A. moved into positions in the area vacated by the 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade, in readiness for the barrage.</p> <p>Enemy bombing 'planes were very active during the night on back areas.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
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Near VENDELLES.	18th	September 18.		<p>At 5.20 a.m. the Artillery under the Command of the C.R.A. was grouped as follows :-</p> <p><u>RIGHT GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..</p> <p>10th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.</p> <p><u>LEFT GROUP</u> --</p> <p>Lieut.-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O..</p> <p>6th ARMY Brigade, Aust. F.A.. 12th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A..</p> <p><u>SUPERIMPOSED GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O..</p> <p>13th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 232nd ARMY Bde. R.F.A..</p> <p>The front was thus covered by seven Brigades of Artillery, and when the line of the 2nd Objective (RED LINE) had been reached, the 38th and 41st Batteries detached themselves from the barrage, limbered up and advanced to positions from which they could effectively support the Infantry advancing to the BLUE LINE.</p> <p>As soon as the Protective Barrage ceased, the remaining Batteries of the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades moved forward to advanced positions so as to effectively cover the BLUE LINE. At the same time the Brigades of the LEFT and SUPERIMPOSED GROUPS moved to an area from which they could effectively cover the BLUE LINE, and at the same time retain their distribution in depth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/The</p>		

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Near <u>VENDELLES.</u>	<u>Sept. 1918.</u>			The Artillery covering the BLUE LINE was then Grouped as follows :- <div style="margin-left: 100px;"> <u>RIGHT GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O.. 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A.. <u>LEFT GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. C.H. SPURGE. 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 12th ARMY Bde. Aust. F.A.. <u>SUPERIMPOSED GROUP</u> - Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.. 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 232nd ARMY Bde. R.F.A.. During the attack the 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade failed to gain the BLUE LINE, and at 11 p.m. the attack was continued under cover of a creeping barrage. The BLUE LINE was captured and over 350 prisoners taken. <u>A detailed SUMMARY of this operation will be found in APPENDIX I (a).</u> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> </div>		
	18th Contd.					
	19th			Counter Preparation Scheme PHASE 1B (See INST. No. 8 issued under ORDER No. 198) was fired on the 4th Aust. Div. front from 4.55 a.m. to 5.5 a.m., and from 5.20a.m. to 5.30 a.m.. During the day the front line was heavily shelled.		APP. VII
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	20th			Counter Preparation SCHEME Phase IB was again fired at dawn; the RIGHT Group fired in support of a minor operation by the 46th Battalion. Ground was gained which ensured observation upon the ST QUENTIN CANAL.		
	21st			Counter Preparation Scheme Phase IB was again fired during the early morning for two periods of 10 minutes. Information was received that the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery were to be withdrawn from the line to Corps Reserve, and that the C.R.A. would continue to command the Artillery in the Sector. At 10 p.m. the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades withdrew to wagon lines. The Artillery was then Grouped as follows :- <div style="margin-left: 100px;"> <u>RIGHT GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. H.E. COHEN, C.M.G., D.S.O.. 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A.. 12th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A.. <u>LEFT GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O.. 13th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade. <u>SUPERIMPOSED GROUP</u> -- Major McLAVERTY, D.S.O.. 232nd ARMY Bde. R.F.A.. --- </div>		
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Near <u>VENDELLES</u>	<u>Sept. 1918.</u>					
	22nd			<p>The 4th Aust. Division (less Artillery) was relieved by the 46th British Division.</p> <p>The C.R.A. 46th Division visited the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division at D.A.H.Q. (Q 6 a 1 6) to make arrangements for the ensuing relief.</p> <p>The 5th ARMY Brigade R.F.A. relieved the 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. in the Line at 10 p.m. and the 12th ARMY Bde. Aust. F.A. withdrew to Wagon Lines - both Brigades becoming Corps Reserve.</p> <p>The Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division was grouped as follows, from 10 p.m. :-</p> <div style="margin-left: 100px;"> <p><u>RIGHT GROUP</u> -- Major MACLAVERTY, D.S.O..</p> <p>232nd ARMY Bde. R.F.A..</p> <p>5th ARMY Bde. R.F.A..</p> <p><u>LEFT GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O..</p> <p>13th Aust. F.A. Bde..</p> <p>14th Aust. F.A. Bde..</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p> </div>		
	23rd			<p>Command of the Artillery covering the Sector passed from the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division to the C.R.A. 46th Division (Brigadier-General Sir HILL-CHILD, Bart., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O.) at 8 a.m..</p> <p>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. remained at Q 6 a 1 6.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
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Near <u>VENDELLES.</u>	September '18. 24th			The C.R.A. visited the C.R.As. 18th and 74th Divisions in VILLERS FAUCON Sector to make arrangements for the relief of those Units by the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery. During the night the 27th AMERICAN Division relieved the 18th and 74th British Divisions in the Line between HARGICOURT and EPEHY, and the Brigades of the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery marched into the 27th AMERICAN Divisional Area. ---		
<u>BUIRE WOOD</u>	25th			Command of the Artillery covering the 27th AMERICAN Division passed from the C.R.As. 18th and 74th Divisions at 10 a.m. to the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division. The Divisional Artillery is flanked on the RIGHT by the 1st Aust. Div. Artillery and on the LEFT by the 12th Div. Artillery. The Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. is Grouped as follows :- <div style="margin-left: 100px;"><u>RIGHT GROUP</u> :- Lieut.-Col. H. WARD, D.S.O.. 104th ARMY Brigade R.F.A.. 108th ARMY Brigade R.F.A.. 86th ARMY Brigade R.F.A.. <u>CENTRE GROUP</u> :- Lieut.-Col. W.A.F. JONES, D.S.O.. 290th Brigade R.F.A.. 291st Brigade R.F.A.. 110th Brigade R.F.A.. <u>LEFT GROUP</u> :- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O.. 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade 112th Brigade, R.F.A..</div>		

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	25th	Contd.		<p>The C.R.A. attended a Conference held at 27th AMERICAN Div. Headquarters at J 11 c 3 6 at 3 p.m..</p> <p>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. closed at Q 6 a 1 6 at 9.30 a.m. and re-opened at BUIRE WOOD, J 11 c 4 2 at 10 a.m..</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
	26th			<p>The C.R.A. held a Conference at D.A.H.Q. at 10.30 a.m., of Group and Brigade Commanders. Lieut.-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, D.S.O. (3rd ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A.) also attended.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">C.M.G.</p> <p>Four synchronised bombardments of fifteen minutes' duration were carried out during the night upon selected points in the enemy's defences, vide para. 7 ORDER No. 202. The bombardment consisted of Gas Shell (B.B.) and 18-pr. H.E.. This is the first time that 18-prs. have fired gas shell: the Heavy Artillery also co-operated at the same times.</p> <p>The 3rd ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. marched into the 27th AMERICAN Div. Area and came under orders of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division, becoming the LEFT FLANK BARRAGE BRIGADE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		APP. VII.
	27th			<p>At 5.30 a.m. the 27th AMERICAN Division attacked on a front between EPEHY and HARGICOURT with the object of gaining the front line system of the HINDENBURG LINE Defences. The Artillery co-operated with a creeping barrage in depth. The objective was reported to be in our hands at an early hour, but subsequently the AMERICAN Infantry were driven back slightly. About 150 prisoners were taken from three different enemy Divisions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">---</p>		
	28th			<p>4th Aust. Divisional Artillery Headquarters Office closed at BUIRE WOOD (J 11 c 4 2) at 10 a.m. and opened at the same hour at E 12 Central.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/At</p>		

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Near <u>VILLERS-FAUCON.</u>	<u>Sept. 1918.</u>					
	28th	Contd.		<p>At 4.30 p.m. the RIGHT Group fired on S.O.S. for 15 minutes. The situation was then reported to be well in hand and fire ceased. During the day heavy harassing bombardments were carried out on the enemy's lines of defence, strong points and wire, in accordance with ORDER No. 202.</p> <p>The Artillery under command of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division moved up during the night into forward positions on a general line 1500 yards west of the BARRAGE START LINE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CHR.</p>		APP. <u>VII.</u>
29th			<p>An attack was made on the HINDENBURG LINE at 5.50 a.m. by the IInd AMERICAN CORPS affiliated to the AUSTRALIAN CORPS for the operation. The Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Div. covering the 27th AMERICAN Division in the LEFT Divisional Sector, put down a Creeping Barrage in support of this attack. The Artillery Brigades had had great trouble in getting their guns and ammunition up to forward positions owing to hostile indirect machine gun fire, but all Batteries were ready by ZERO HOUR.</p> <p>On the RIGHT Divisional Front the attack was quite successful, but on the front covered by the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery very heavy opposition was encountered in the main HINDENBURG LINE between BONY and VENDHUILE.</p> <p>The 3rd Australian Division - who were to pass through the 27th AMERICAN Division and exploit the country East of the GREEN LINE - were unable to make any headway in the HINDENBURG LINE between BONY and VENDHUILE, and ultimately only a portion of the HINDENBURG LINE was captured by us.</p> <p>At 8 p.m. the Artillery was Grouped as follows :-</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/RIGHT</p>			

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Near <u>VILLERS</u> <u>FAUCON.</u>	Sept. 1918.	29th	Contd.	<p><u>RIGHT GROUP</u></p> <p>104th ARMY Brigade, R.F.A. --- Lieut.-Col. H. WARD, D.S.O..</p> <p>108th ARMY Brigade, R.F.A. --- Lieut.-Col. H. WARD, D.S.O..</p> <p>86th ARMY Brigade, R.F.A. --- Lieut.-Col. J.M. STEBBINGS, D.S.O..</p> <p>--- Lieut.-Col. C.H.F. COX, D.S.O..</p> <p><u>CENTRE GROUP</u></p> <p>290th Brigade R.F.A.. --- Lieut.-Col. W.A.F. JONES, D.S.O..</p> <p>291st Brigade R.F.A.. --- Lieut.-Col. W.A.F. JONES, D.S.O..</p> <p>110th Brigade R.F.A.. --- Lieut.-Col. R. LONGSTAFFE, D.S.O..</p> <p>--- Lieut.-Col. C.A. MILFORD, D.S.O..</p> <p><u>LEFT GROUP</u></p> <p>10th Aust. F.A. Brigade --- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..</p> <p>11th Aust. F.A. Brigade --- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..</p> <p>3rd ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. --- Lieut.-Col. C.H. SPURGE.</p> <p>112th Brigade R.F.A. --- Lieut.-Col. G.I. STEVENSON, D.S.O..</p> <p>--- Lieut.-Col. L.H. QUERIPPEL, C.M.G., D.S.O..</p> <p>At 10 p.m. information was received from Aust. Corps R.A. that the 3rd Aust. Division was taking over command of the Sector from the 27th AMERICAN Division and the 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery would take over the Artillery covering the Sector from the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery (less the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades and the 108th ARMY Brigade R.F.A. which remained as a Left Flank Protecting Group under Command of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division).</p> <p>The C.R.A. viewed the country North of VENDHUILE from a trench N.E. of EPEHY in X 26 (Sheet 57C, S.E.).</p> <p><u>(GENERAL REPORT and NARRATIVE OF EVENTS in connection with the foregoing operation will be found in APPENDIX I (b)).</u></p>		

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Near <u>VILLERS-FAUCON.</u>	30th	Sept.		<p>Relief of the 4th Aust. Div. Artillery by the 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery proceeded at 1 a.m.. The Artillery under the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division was distributed as follows :-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RIGHT BRIGADE</u> -- Lieut.-Col. C.H. SPURGE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>LEFT BRIGADE</u> -- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>with the special role of providing a Left Flank Protecting Barrage for the 3rd Aust. Division North of VENDHUILE.</p> <p>The C.R.A. again reconnoitred the front covered by the Artillery under his Command, and visited the outskirts of VENDHUILE from which an excellent view of the country could be obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CH.R.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CH. Rowan Lieut. fr. Major, Brigade-Major, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.</p>		
				<p><u>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.,</u> <u>4th October 1918.</u></p>		

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			VII ...	<u>ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED.</u>	
			-	(No DEFENCE SCHEME was issued owing to this Div. Artillery being engaged in OFFENSIVE operations).	
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			<p><u>APPENDIX I :-</u></p> <p><u>SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, MOVEMENTS, EVENTS AND GENERAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION DURING MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918.</u></p> <p>-----</p> <p>(a) <u>SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS FOR THE CAPTURE OF THE FIRST SYSTEM OF THE HINDENBURG LINE FROM BELLENGLISE TO BELLICOURT, ON SEPTEMBER 18th, 1918.</u></p> <p><u>Reference Maps :-</u> <u>62 C</u> and <u>62 B</u>, <u>1/40,000</u> --</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 4th Australian Division took part in an attack upon the first Trench System of the HINDENBURG LINE, with the object of gaining ground close enough to the ST QUENTIN CANAL to allow of a large attack being made on the main line at a later date. 2. The IXth British Corps on the Right and the IIIrd British Corps on the Left co-operated with the AUSTRALIAN CORPS, which consisted of two Divisions - the 4th on the Right and the 1st on the Left. 3. The Artillery under the command of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division consisted of seven Brigades of Field Artillery, Grouped for the operation as follows :- <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RIGHT GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 6th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A..</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/LEFT</p>				

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			<p><u>APPENDIX I</u> (a) <u>Continued</u> :-</p> <p><u>LEFT GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. C.H. SPURGE.</p> <p>11th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 12th ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A..</p> <p><u>SUPERIMPOSED GROUP</u> -- Lieut.-Col. H.O. CADDY, D.S.O..</p> <p>13th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 14th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 232nd ARMY Brigade R.F.A..</p> <p>4. On the night previous to the operation the guns of the RIGHT and LEFT Groups had been moved up into forward positions so as to be able to put a covering barrage down east of the RED LINE which ran along the high ground about 1500 yards west of the HINDENBURG LINE, and was the old British Front Line before March 21st 1918.</p> <p>5. At 5.20 a.m. the barrage began, and the Infantry who followed the barrage very closely encountered only slight opposition. A few tanks assisted by 'dummy' tanks made of wood and hessian no doubt helped to lower the enemy's morale. The first and second objectives were reached with very little opposition and the enemy barrage was very slow in coming down and was thin and badly placed.</p> <p>6. When the second objective (the RED LINE) was reached, the Infantry advanced towards the BLUE LINE which was the first trench system of the HINDENBURG LINE. The 38th and 41st Batteries were detailed to advance to positions from which they could actively support the Infantry moving up to the BLUE LINE. After the Infantry had gained the RED LINE the barrages ceased, and the remaining Batteries of the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades moved up into forward positions covering the BLUE LINE.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/ The</p>			

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			<p><u>A P P E N D I X I</u> (a) Continued :-</p> <p>The 6th and 12th ARMY Brigades Aust. F.A. also moved up, whilst the SUPERIMPOSED GROUP moved to positions just in rear of the 1st Objective, and distributed themselves in depth.</p> <p>The 1st Aust. Division on the left captured the BLUE LINE, but on the 4th Aust. Div. front they were unable to advance further than the Sunken Road running parallel with the HINDENBURG LINE.</p> <p>7. At 11 p.m. the 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade under cover of a Creeping Barrage again advanced from the Sunken Road and took the whole of the BLUE LINE and captured over 350 prisoners in the operation.</p> <p>8. The next two days were characteristic of our Infantry; they were not satisfied to hold the first system of the HINDENBURG LINE in its entire length, but pushed out posts in advance of this trench system giving observation to the CANAL, but by active patrolling gave the enemy no chance to counter-attack. The Artillery covering the front fired 'Counter-Preparation' each morning at daylight.</p> <p>9. At 10 a.m. 22nd September the 4th Aust. Division (less Artillery) was relieved in the Line by the 46th BRITISH Division - thus bringing to a close what General RAWLINSON (G.O.C. FOURTH ARMY) described as "one of the most successful operations of the War". In this attack the 1st and 4th Aust. Divisions captured</p> <p style="text-align: center;">147 Officers and 3942 Other Ranks,</p> <p>and their own casualties did not amount to 1200.</p> <p>10. Since August 8th 1918 the total captures in prisoners by the AUSTRALIAN CORPS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">amount.....</p>			

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			<p><u>APPENDIX I (a) Continued :-</u></p> <p>amount to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">541 Officers and 19900 Other Ranks,</p> <p>including vast quantities of war material and over 200 guns. One gun captured near PROYART was mounted on a huge pivot mounting of steel and had been put in for the bombardment of AMIENS. This gun was a 38 c.m. naval gun and was blown up before being captured.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p><u>APPENDIX I (b) :-</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>GENERAL REPORT AND NARRATIVE OF EVENTS, SHOWING THE COMPOSITION, ORGANISATION AND TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE FIELD ARTILLERY SUPPORTING AND COVERING THE ATTACK BY THE 27TH AMERICAN DIVISION AGAINST THE HINDENBURG LINE, DURING THE OPERATIONS FOR WHICH PREPARATIONS COMMENCED ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 1918.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(attached under separate cover)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q., 4th October 1918.</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p><i>Ch. Rowan</i> <i>for.</i> <i>Lieut.</i> Major, Brigade-Major, 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>			

APPENDIX I

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

GENERAL REPORT

HEADQUARTERS,
30th Sept. 1918.

AND NARRATIVE OF EVENTS, SHOWING THE COMPOSITION, ORGANISATION, DISTRIBUTION AND TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF THE FIELD ARTILLERY SUPPORTING AND COVERING THE ATTACK BY THE 27TH AMERICAN DIVISION AGAINST THE HINDENBURG LINE, DURING THE OPERATION FOR WHICH PREPARATIONS COMMENCED ON THE 23RD OF SEPTEMBER 1918.

1. Owing to the constant changes, quick moves and varying functions of the covering Field Artillery during the operations in question, this Report must of necessity be more in the nature of an accurate Narrative showing sequence of events, than a detailed report on particular phases or individual actions throughout this series of consecutive operations.
2. Following on the successful and dashing operations of the 18th and 19th September 1918, by which attack the 1st and 4th Australian Divisions established themselves in the front system of the HINDENBURG LINE opposite BELLICOURT and BELLENGLISE respectively, orders were received that the 4th Australian Division would shortly be relieved by the 46th Division, and the covering Australian Field Artillery Brigades withdrawn on relief by R.F.A. Brigades. The operations, changes and reliefs are dealt with in the WAR DIARY of these dates and period.
3. After handing over to the C.R.A. 46th Division (Brig.-General Sir HILL-CHILD, Bart., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.V.O.) at 10 a.m. on the 23rd instant, the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division attended a Conference at Headquarters R.A. Australian Corps and received instructions as to taking over the Field Artillery and attached R.G.A. Brigade detailed to support the 27th AMERICAN Division in its attack on the HINDENBURG LINE immediately South of VENDHUILE (exclusive) to a line about 1000 yards North of HARGICOURT.
4. After a reconnaissance of the new Sector and Conferences with the C.R.As. of the 18th and 74th Divisions, - then covering this front - and the Headquarters Staff of the 27th AMERICAN Division, Headquarters of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery were moved from VENDELLES to the WOOD at J 11 c 4 2, near TINCOURT, and the C.R.A. assumed command of the Field Artillery detailed for the support of the 27th AMERICAN Division.
5. The composition of the available Field Artillery and its ultimate organisation, from RIGHT to LEFT was as follows :-

RIGHT GROUP :-

Lieut.-Col. H. WARD, D.S.O..

86th ARMY Bde. R.F.A. 104th ARMY Bde. R.F.A. 108th ARMY Bde. R.F.A..

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CENTRE GROUP :-

Lieut.-Col. W.A.F. JONES, D.S.O..

291st Bde. R.F.A. 290th Bde. R.F.A. 110th Bde. R.F.A.LEFT GROUP :-

Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O..

10th Aust. F.A. Bde. 11th Aust. F.A. Bde. 112th Bde. R.F.A.

The 3rd ARMY Brigade Aust. F.A. was also placed at the disposal of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division, 36 hours before the hour of attack, to provide a left flank protective barrage and smoke screen during the operation. This Brigade was affiliated to the LEFT GROUP Artillery.

The 85th Brigade R.G.A. was also placed under the orders of the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division after the capture of the GREEN LINE to support the exploitation of the 105th AMERICAN Regiment in a N.E. direction towards the RED LINE, which was approximately the high ground 2000 yards N.E. of VENDHUILE.

6. The actual operation may conveniently be subdivided into the following phases :-

- (a) Artillery preparation, and Preliminary Attack.
- (b) Main Attack,
- and (c) Exploitation.

7. Commencing at 9.30 p.m. on the 26th instant, heavy and continuous gas bombardment was opened and maintained for eight hours by all natures of Artillery against carefully selected enemy strong points, occupied areas and works. This was the first time that the new "B.B." Gas Shell had been employed and owing to its persistency this bombardment was directed against the main HINDENBURG System and with a clear margin of 48 hours before our troops would be required to cross the area shelled. It is an interesting and significant fact, that the enemy Batteries which were very active on the 27th AMERICAN Divisional Front, became practically silent at 5 minutes after the commencement of the Gas bombardment - one 10.5 c.m. Battery alone remaining in action at very long range. It is a great disadvantage that the 18-pr. gas shell of this nature will not fit the ammunition wagons and limbers.

8. At approximately 48 hours before ZERO (5.30 a.m., 27th instant) this gas bombardment ceased, and the Creeping Barrage covering the preliminary attack commenced, and simultaneously a heavy and continuous destructive, neutralising and wirecutting bombardment was opened by all natures of Artillery not engaged in the barrage. On completion of the barrage the Field Artillery joined in this bombardment which was continued right up to ZERO HOUR of the main attack.

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9. During this 48 hours' bombardment the barrage Batteries of the Field Artillery had to advance in readiness to provide a creeping barrage for the main attack on the 29th instant. Owing to the great depth of the main attack, it was necessary to emplace all barrage Batteries very close up to our front line.

A difficult task at any time, this work was greatly increased by the inability of the attacking Infantry to completely establish themselves on the JUMPING OFF LINE and consequent uncertainty of the situation.

Though frequently coming under indirect machine gun fire, the advance of the Batteries and their emplacement within effective distance of the final protective barrage on the GREEN LINE, with 550 rounds per 18-pr. and 450 per 4.5" Howitzer, were successfully accomplished, and all Batteries were in readiness to open fire at ZERO HOUR.

By retaining rear Sections and recuperator guns in original positions until the last possible moment, the preparatory bombardment was maintained during the advance of Batteries to their forward positions, and without divulging their final close proximity to the enemy.

10. The situation following the preliminary attack by the 106th AMERICAN Regiment on the 27th instant remained somewhat uncertain and obscure throughout the day. Preparations were therefore made to slow the rate of lifts of creeping barrage covering the attack, should the AMERICAN Regiments be unable to establish themselves on the JUMPING OFF LINE before ZERO.

Later information and progress on the following day, however, rendered any change in original times of lifts unnecessary, and the barrage map and time table issued by AUSTRALIAN CORPS were adhered to in all details.

11. At ZERO HOUR (5.50 a.m.) on the 29th instant, the 27th AMERICAN Division, covered by a creeping barrage and supported by Tanks, with the 30th AMERICAN Division on the RIGHT, attacked the main HINDENBURG SYSTEM. The 27th AMERICAN Division was distributed in the following battle formation :-

108th Regiment on the RIGHT, 107th Regiment on the LEFT, with the 105th Regiment closely following the 107th Regiment in readiness to exploit Northwards on the capture of the GREEN LINE.
The 106th Regiment was in Reserve.

12. The creeping barrage covering the 27th AMERICAN Division was provided by the nine Brigades of Field Artillery shown in para. 5, and with a flank barrage and smoke screen provided by the 3rd ARMY Brigade AUST. F.A..

Composition of barrage :-

<u>CREEPING BARRAGE</u>	--	18-prs. ...	50% Shrapnel 40% H.E. (non-delay) 10% Smoke shell.
		4.5 Hows. ...	H.E., 106 Fuzes.
<u>FLANK BARRAGE</u>	--	50% Shrapnel 30% H.E., 106 Fuzes. 20% Smoke shell.	
<u>RATE OF FIRE</u>	--	3 rounds per gun, and 2 rounds per How. throughout Creeping Barrage, slowing to one round per gun and How. while on ARTILLERY HALT LINE and Protective Standing Barrage.	

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13. RATE OF BARRAGE :-

Standing for 3 minutes on ARTILLERY START LINE, next six lifts at rate of 100 yards every 3 minutes, all subsequent lifts being at a uniform rate of 100 yards every 4 minutes.

After crossing the CANAL TUNNEL, the barrage rested for 15 minutes 500 yards beyond it to enable assaulting troops to re-form and move Northwards round the open part of the CANAL towards HARGIVAL FARM.

14. FLANK BARRAGES :-

A similar barrage, connecting and conforming in all respects to that of the 27th AMERICAN Division, covered the simultaneous advance of the 30th AMERICAN Division on the Right.

The 18th and 74th Divisions (III Corps) provided a creeping barrage moving outwards towards VENDHUILE and the CANAL, for the protection of our Left flank South and South-West of that Village, and also "smoked" the high ground to the N.E. during progress of our attack.

15. Well synchronised and distributed, the barrage appeared to be very effective. A quiet and misty dawn with the large proportion of smoke shell used ensured a thick curtain of smoke being maintained in front of the attacking Infantry.

The smoke screens on the Left flank appeared particularly effective in this respect, and a dense bank of smoke and mist screened the Left of the attack through practically its whole depth.

16. The AMERICAN Regiments closely followed the barrage, and though even up to the time of writing, information on this subject is somewhat indefinite, it appears almost certain that elements of these Regiments reached their Final Objective - the GREEN LINE.

The great strength and intricate nature of the HINDENBURG SYSTEM on this front, with its subterranean canal tunnel and numberless dug-outs, provided ample and safe accommodation for a very large enemy garrison, and it is doubtless due to this fact and inadequate and hasty "mopping up", that the advanced elements of the attacking Regiments were subsequently isolated from their rear formations.

17. New to this form of warfare, with a most difficult and intricate trench system, strongly wired and garrisoned, to traverse, and above all imbued with the necessity of closely following the advancing barrage, it is perhaps not to be wondered at that the leading waves of Infantry should become disorganised and lack cohesion in the latter stages of the attack.

From the reports of my F.O.Os. and Artillery Liaison Officers, there can be no question of the dashing spirit and fighting qualities of the Regiments who followed our Barrage.

18. Consequent on the inability of the AMERICAN Regiments to establish themselves on the GREEN LINE, the 3rd AUST. Division - which was intended to exploit towards the RED LINE was put in to clear up the situation which was, and remained throughout the day, most uncertain.

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19. For this purpose, with the exception of the 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigades and the 108th ARMY Brigade R.F.A., the whole of the Field Artillery mentioned in para. 5 was handed over to the C.R.A. 3rd Aust. Division (Brigadier-General H.W. GRIMWADE, C.B., C.M.G.) at 1 a.m. on the 30th instant.
20. In the original plan of operations, the above three Field Artillery Brigades were detailed to support the exploitation of the 105th AMERICAN Regiment towards the RED LINE, N.E. from VENDHUILE. As the Left of the GREEN LINE was still strongly held by the enemy, these Brigades were retained under the C.R.A. 4th Aust. Division for the defence of the Left flank.
21. While dealing with this part of the operations, I wish to place on record my appreciation and admiration of the splendid fight put up by the Infantry of the 18th Division holding the "BIRDCAGE" System of trenches about 1300 yards West of VENDHUILE, during the afternoon of the 29th instant. In my reconnaissance of our Left flank, I witnessed the enemy attack on our posts established there. In spite of a very heavy and converging attack covered by most accurate bombing, our Infantry in these trenches most gallantly held their ground. I cannot speak too highly of their splendid defence of this important trench system at a very critical and difficult period. From the dead subsequently found in this locality, it would appear that the "BUFFS" garrisoned these posts. I wish to express our indebtedness to them.
22. LIAISON SERVICE :-
- The liaison between the Units of the 27th AMERICAN Division and their covering Artillery was most intimate and very necessary to ensure mutual understanding and the full development of our preparatory and protective Artillery fire. A Liaison Officer from 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery Headquarters was permanently stationed with the Headquarters 54th AMERICAN Infantry Brigade. Both flank Artillery Groups provided a Liaison Officer with the Headquarters of the 107th and 108th AMERICAN Infantry Regiments, and in addition the Artillery Groups provided a Liaison Officer with each of the five line Battalions they were respectively covering. I should like to express my thanks and appreciation of the work of Brigadier-General C.H. BRAND, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) who, has, was a Representative of the AUSTRALIAN MISSION with the 27th AMERICAN Division, throughout these operations and a difficult period, given us ready and valuable assistance.

23. SERVICE OF COMMUNICATIONS :-

The Artillery Communications worked well throughout the operations and were seldom - and then only temporarily - interrupted. A separate Report by the Signal Officer 4th Australian Divisional Artillery, on the system of communication is attached. These communications were not only used by the Artillery Units but were also, as far as practicable, placed at the service of the AMERICAN Infantry. A much closer touch and receipt of timely information was thus ensured without prejudice to our Artillery service.

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AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE :-

The ammunition expended by the Units under my Command during the period, from the commencement of the "B.B." gas bombardment, viz., ZERO minus 56 hours to midnight 28th/29th September, i.e., ZERO plus 17 hours, was as follows :-

AMMUNITION EXPENDED FROM 9.30 P.M. SEPT. 26th to MIDNIGHT
SEPTEMBER 29th/30th 1918.

UNIT	SHELL.				TOTAL ROUNDS
	Shrap.	H.E.	Smoke	Gas	
3rd ARMY Bde. A.F.A.	3919	5341	688	76	10024
10th Aust. F.A. Bde.	7833	9884	1408	1198	20823
11th Aust. F.A. Bde.	6425	9058	1343	1248	18074
86th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	6129	7947	911	426	15413
104th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	4253	7933	775	1100	14061
108th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	5816	6810	797	328	13751
110th Brigade R.F.A.	6107	8950	469	1069	16595
112th Brigade R.F.A.	6790	9485	1137	500	17912
290th Brigade R.F.A.	8444	8008	844	1122	18418
291st Brigade R.F.A.	5887	8178	445	659	15169
TOTAL ROUNDS EXPENDED	61603	81594	8817	7726	159740

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CASUALTIES :-

TABLE showing casualties sustained by the Units under the Command of C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division, during the operations from 9.30 p.m. Sept. 26th to midnight Sept. 28th/29th 1918 :-

UNIT	OFFICERS					OTHER RANKS					GRAND TOT.
	KILLED	WOUND.	GASSED	MISSING	TOTAL	KILLED	WOUNDED	GASSED	MISSING	TOTAL	
3rd ARMY Bde. A.F.A.	-	1	-	-	1	4	22	-	-	26	27
10th Aust. F.A. Bde.	-	2	-	-	2	2	7	2	-	11	13
11th Aust. F.A. Bde.	1	1	-	-	2	2	30	-	-	32	34
4th Aust. D.A.C.	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	6	8
86th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	-	1	-	-	1	3	26	-	-	29	30
104th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	8	9
108th ARMY Bde. R.F.A.	1	1	-	-	2	1	18	2	-	21	23
110th Brigade R.F.A.	-	1	-	-	1	-	6	2	-	8	9
112th Brigade R.F.A.	-	1	-	-	1	2	15	-	-	17	18
290th Brigade R.F.A.	1	1	-	-	2	2	19	2	-	23	25
291st Brigade R.F.A.	-	4	-	-	4	2	30	-	-	32	36
58th D.A.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	3
TOTAL CASUALTIES	3	13	-	-	16	25	185	8	2	220	236

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In view of the unavoidably advanced positions of the Batteries, and the close proximity of the enemy front line during the preliminary bombardment and initial phase of the attack, and also the subsequent intermittent, but at times very heavy, hostile Artillery activity, area shooting and gas bombardments against Battery areas, the casualties to our covering Artillery are very light.

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27. At the time of writing this report, the action is still incomplete.
The 3rd and 5th Australian Divisions, after relieving the 27th and 30th AMERICAN Divisions, are pushing Eastwards and outwards.
Much stubborn resistance and determined local fighting is being encountered. With the exception of that portion between BONY and ACQUINCOURT FARM, the whole of the main HINDENBURG SYSTEM on this Sector is already in our possession. The IXth Corps, after crossing the ST QUENTIN CANAL at BELLENGLISE and establishing a bridge head there, are advancing on our Right.
The III Corps hold VENDHUILE and all ground up to the Western bank of the CANAL on our Left.
It is obvious that the whole of the HINDENBURG SYSTEM must collapse.
28. Much has been accomplished.
Many technical and tactical difficulties have been overcome in the Artillery as in other Arms and Services.
The necessity of flexibility, adaptability and cohesion has again been demonstrated, and their value proved.
A study of our trench maps, examination of aerial photographs, and reconnaissance of the actual defences now in our possession reveal beyond question the difficulty and magnitude of the task.
29. How great and far-reaching will be the results of this series of successful operations - culminating in the reduction and occupation of the enemy's strongest system of field defences - only future events and history will show, but in concluding this brief report upon but one phase of the present action still incomplete, it may reasonably be assumed, and is no exaggeration to state, that the successful attack, capture, and penetration of this portion of the formidable and reputed impregnable HINDENBURG LINE has been no mean achievement.

W. L. H. Burgess

Brigadier-General,
C.R.A., 4th Australian Division.

APPENDICES :-

- "A" - SPECIAL SIGNAL REPORT.
- "B" - TRACING showing Order of Battle of Infantry and Distribution of Artillery.
- "C" - MAP showing Frontage, Boundaries and Barrages.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

C.R.A.,
4th Aust. Division.

HEADQUARTERS,
30th Sept. 1918.

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ON SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS DURING
OPERATION 29/9/18.

REFERENCE SHEET 62 C, N.E., 1/20,000.

1. GENERAL. :-

INSTRUCTION No. 10, defining responsibility for communications and methods to be adopted, was issued on 28/9/1918.

For the provision and maintenance of communication between D.A.H.Q. and Brigades, two extra cable detachments and two motor Despatch Riders were available from the 58th and 25th Divisional Artilleries, whose Brigades were under the orders of the C.R.A., 4th Aust. Division.

An old British buried cable running from E 18 c 9 6 to F 14 b 6 5 was traced and tested and, although the terminal strips had been removed and the cable cut off short at the ground by the enemy, it was found in perfect working order and greatly reduced maintenance. Forward from this point, ground lines were run to all Groups and alternative routes provided.

Groups were connected laterally, and Liaison lines were maintained by Artillery Units to all attacking Battalions of the 105th U.S. Infantry Regiment and to the 53rd and 54th U.S. Infantry Brigades.

It was considered advisable in this operation to depart from S.S. 191 in the matter of lines to F.O.Os., and accordingly lines were extended from existing O.P. or Battery lines. This arrangement proved most satisfactory and not only enabled information to be sent to the Artillery Commander concerned, but gave a direct line which could be maintained by Artillery personnel.

2. REPORT CENTRE :-

A Divisional Artillery REPORT CENTRE and FORWARD EXCHANGE was established at 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade H.Q. at K 14 b 8246. After completion of barrage it was intended that three Field Artillery Brigades should advance in close support of the Infantry. To provide communication to these Brigades it was decided to advance the REPORT CENTRE with each move of the 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade, keeping this in direct communication with 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. and laying lines to other Brigades after each successive move.

For this purpose, two cable wagons and one light cable wagon were sent to REPORT CENTRE at ZERO HOUR, with two small magneto exchanges and operators - thus ensuring new REPORT CENTRE being established before old one was put out.

Mounted Orderlies from each Brigade ^{were} kept at REPORT CENTRE to provide alternative communication.

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3. AFTER COMPLETION OF BARRAGE :-

After completion of the barrage, the nine Artillery Brigades worked independently as separate Brigades directly under 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q..

The Headquarters of Brigades did not move as was anticipated, but owing to the de-Grouping mentioned above, cable wagons were made ample use of to lay lines between Brigades for provision of satisfactory communication to D.A.H.Q..

Generally, telephone communication was very satisfactory and although lines were cut by shell fire and damaged by Tanks and other traffic, they were well maintained.

The Artillery system was made use of by the U.S. Infantry and showed how valuable a parallel system of communication in a Divisional Area can be.

Lines to F.O.Os. were maintained to the vicinity of THE KNOLL in F 12 b, and valuable information was quickly transmitted to the rear.

4. WIRELESS (Continuous Wave) :-

The number of sets used in this operation was the greatest yet used by this Divisional Artillery.

Seven sets were available and were placed at each Group Headquarters forming the Divisional Artillery Group, working on one wave length, and two sets with the 112th Brigade R.F.A., working on separate wave length, forming 112th GROUP.

After the completion of the barrage, one set was detailed to 108th Brigade R.F.A. - thus providing a C.W. Wireless Set with each of the Closely Supporting Artillery Brigades.

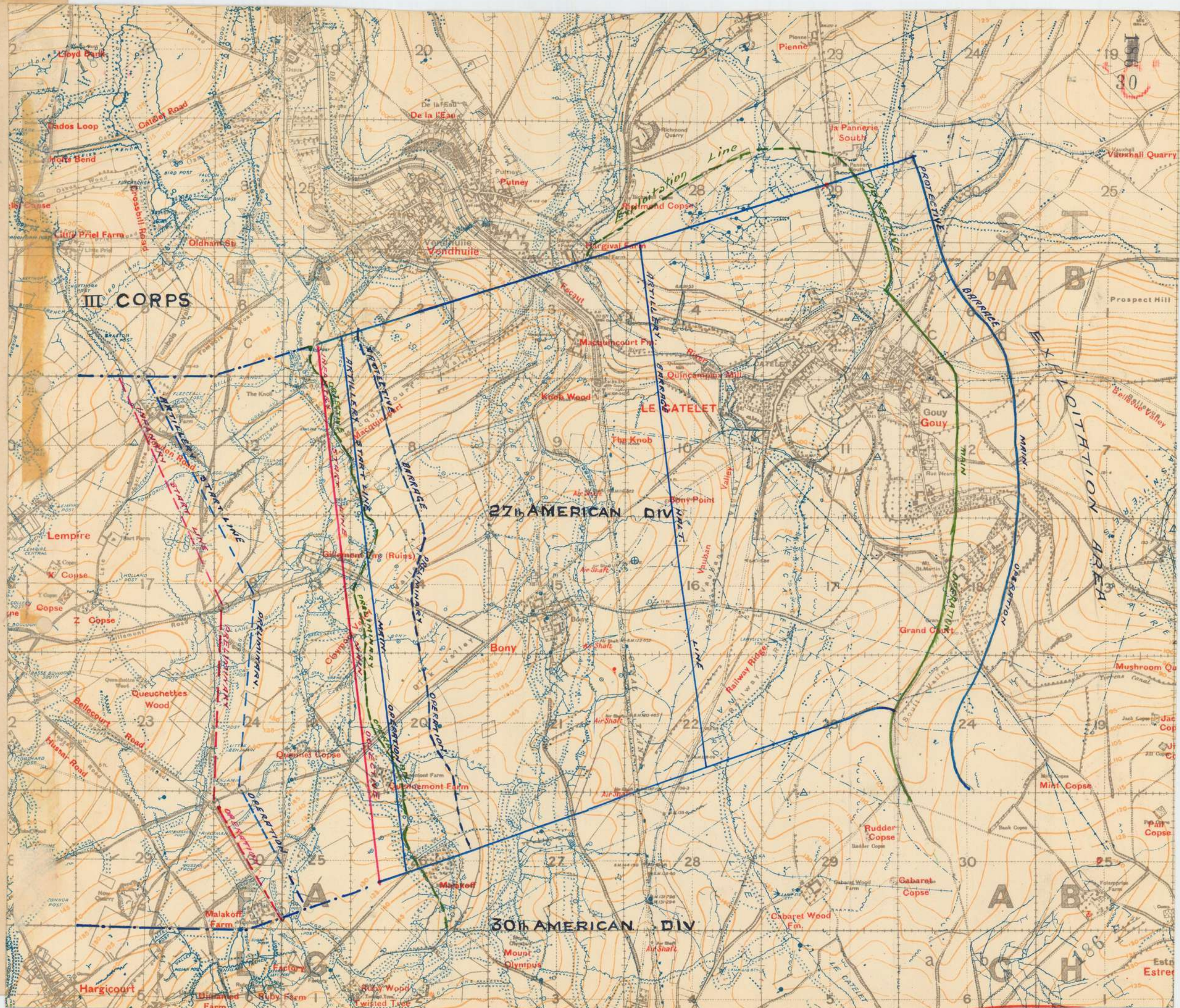
Owing to the fact that line communication was maintained, wireless was little used, but nevertheless, all stations were in constant communication.

5. D.R.L.S. :-

Motor Despatch Riders carried all packets to destinations during daylight, but owing to the condition of roads and tracks and the congestion of traffic, mounted orderlies had to be used at night.

R. B. Burke

Captain,
O.C. Signals,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.



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BATTLE CASUALTIES DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918.

UNIT	Officers					Other Ranks					UNIT
	Killed	Wound.	Gassed	Missg.	TOTAL	Killed	Wound.	Gassed.	Missg.	TOTAL	TOTAL
10th Aust. F.A Bde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Headquarters	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	-	-	10	10
37th Battery	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	4
38th Battery	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	-	8	8
39th Battery	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	2	-	6	8
110th How. "	-	2	-	-	2	6	18	3	1	28	30
Brig. TOTAL	-	2	-	-	2	6	18	3	1	28	30
11th Aust. F.A. Bde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Headquarters	-	-	-	-	1	-	10	-	-	10	11
41st Battery	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	3	4
42nd Battery	1	-	-	-	1	4	14	-	-	18	18
43rd Battery	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	2	-	14	14
111th How. "	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	2	-	14	14
Brigade Total	1	1	-	-	2	8	35	2	-	45	47
4th M.T.M. Btys.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7th Battery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
8th Battery	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
T.M. Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
4th Aust. D.A.C.	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	4	1	12	12
GRAND TOTALS	1	3	-	-	4	16	59	9	2	86	90

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				<p><u>MILITARY CROSSES</u> (Continued) :-</p> <p><u>Lieutenant Clive Stewart SMITH</u>, 37th Battery :- (Awarded vide 4th Aust. D.R.O. 2251).</p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during the operations near CERISY-GAILLY on the 8th August 1918. As the Commander of an advanced Section of guns, his gallant conduct and skillful leadership ensured the closest and most effective support to the Infantry with whom his Section was working. His cool courage and devotion to duty under heavy and close range enfilade shell fire, were not only invaluable to our Infantry, but set a fine example to his N.C.Os. and men throughout a critical period. "</p> <p><u>Lieutenant Alan Edmund BURKE</u> ; 110th How. Battery :-</p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY-GAILLY during the operations on the 8th August 1918. While his Battery was being enfiladed at close range with H.E. and gas shell, this Section Commander - by his personal effort and disregard of danger - not only succeeded in withdrawing five of the guns, but set a fine example to all ranks of the Battery. He directed the reorganisation of the teams, personally assisted the wounded, and remained at the position under shell fire until all guns - save one - had been safely withdrawn and he was ordered to leave the sixth gun. After clearing the guns, he returned to the position and continued his work under shell fire until the last wounded man had been removed to a place of safety. "</p> <p><u>WAR TO MILITARY</u></p>		

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				<p>(c) <u>BAR TO MILITARY MEDAL</u> :- (Awarded vide 4th Aust. D.R.O. 2229 of 1/9/18).</p> <p><u>No. 3592 Sergt. William Henry DEAN, M.M., 42nd Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 19th August 1918 the 42nd Battery - in action to the East of ROSIERES - was heavily shelled by 4.2s. and 5.9s.. Several shells fell right on the position, wounded the Battery Commander (Major S.F. HODGENS, D.S.O.), ignited the camouflage and started a fire in a gun pit. Sergt. DEAN, with two others, at great personal risk, remained at the position and carried the wounded Officer to a place of safety. This done he immediately returned to assist in extinguishing the fire. This timely and brave action, probably saved the life of the Officer mentioned and prevented the guns and ammunition from being destroyed during a critical period. "</p> <p>(d) <u>MILITARY MEDALS</u> :-</p> <p><u>10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.</u></p> <p><u>No. 2011 Sergt. Leonard LOVETT, 37th Battery. --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th Aug. 1918. Throughout the operation this N.C.O. displayed the greatest bravery, energy and determination in maintaining his gun in action, despite heavy machine gun and shell fire - enfilade and frontal. He set an excellent example to his men. "</p> <p><u>No. 6242 Driver William DWYER, 37th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918. Driver DWYER was lead driver of a gun team following in very close support of the Infantry. On a couple of occasions he, showing complete disregard of danger, brought his gun into action under the fire of hostile machine guns. He displayed great courage and initiative. "</p>		

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			<p><u>MILITARY MEDALS</u> (Continued)</p> <p><u>No. 1747 Gunner George William FRANCIS, 37th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918 and in succeeding operations. Gunner FRANCIS constantly patrolled telephone lines under enemy shell fire and successfully maintained communication during critical periods. "</p> <p><u>No. 657 Sergt. John McCAFFERTY, 38th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th Aug. 1918. This N.C.O. assisted in the laying of communications between the Battery, the O.P. and the detached Section, carrying out the work under very heavy machine gun fire. "</p> <p><u>No. 4514 Gunner Thomas Roy HILDER, 38th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th Aug. 1918. When his gun was heavily shelled, Gunner HILDER carried on with the utmost coolness and determination and assisted in silencing the hostile Battery. He stuck to his gun even when it was attacked by a low flying aeroplane. "</p> <p><u>No. 1266 Gunner Alexander PAUL, 38th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th Aug. 1918. The other members of his gun crew having been either killed or wounded, Gunner PAUL carried on until relieved. He afterwards assisted in carrying the wounded to a place of safety although the Battery was being subjected to heavy shelling. "</p> <p><u>No. 301 Driver William James Oswald AMBERY, 38th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th Aug. 1918. With great courage and coolness, Driver AMBERY took his gun through hostile shell and machine gun fire and brought it into a new position to silence the offending Battery."</p>			

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				<p><u>MILITARY MEDALS</u> (Continued) :- 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade (Continued) :-</p> <p><u>No. 28820 Gunner Percival Francis PRESS, 38th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY-GAILLY on the 8th August 1918. His gun was heavily shelled and three of his detachment wounded. These he removed to a place of safety. Later, when his Section Commander was wounded he carried that Officer away also. He assisted to limber up his gun, still under heavy shell fire, and acted throughout with much courage and coolness. "</p> <p><u>No. 1093 Driver Charles Henry GIBSON, 38th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918. At a time when all the members of his detachment had been killed or wounded, he drove to the position with the limber and in spite of the fact that the gun was being heavily shelled, successfully withdrew it. "</p> <p><u>No. 1929 Driver Sidney WINDSOR, 38th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918. With the greatest coolness and courage Driver WINDSOR drove the limber up to his gun which was being subjected to heavy shelling, and succeeded in withdrawing it. His gun detachment had become casualties and his courage and determination undoubtedly saved the gun. "</p> <p><u>No. 1035 Sergt. Samuel James WATSON, 39th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near FARMER'S WOOD, CERISY, on the 8th August 1918. In an endeavour to draw his gun from the pit, four of his detachment were killed by a hostile shell. He stuck to his task and succeeded in getting the gun clear under heavy machine gun and shell fire. "</p>		

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				<p><u>MILITARY MEDALS</u> (Continued) 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade (Continued) --</p> <p><u>No. 363 Bombardier Jack Charles SIMCOCK, 39th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at CERISY on the 8th August 1918. The Battery came under heavy enfilade fire from MALARD WOOD and in an endeavour to withdraw the guns the four lead horses of Bombdr. SIMCOCK's team were killed and two Drivers wounded. He immediately cut the wheelers loose and assisted in removing the wounded men - despite the fact that the Battery was being subjected to heavy machine gun and shell fire."</p> <p><u>No. 25644 Gunner James SWIFT, 39th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at CERISY on the 8th August 1918. When acting as linesman with a forward Liaison Party he laid and maintained a line to Brigade Headquarters under heavy machine and gun and shell fire. This line he patrolled throughout the day and enabled important information to be sent back from the Infantry."</p> <p><u>No. 1735 Driver Lewis HAY, 39th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at CERISY on the 8th August 1918. The Battery came under heavy hostile enfilade fire and Driver HAY took a team up to the Battery position in an endeavour to withdraw his gun. The team sustained a direct hit, four horses being killed and the wheel and centre Drivers wounded. Although the Battery was being subjected to heavy shell fire, he displayed great coolness in assisting to cut away the teams and remove the wounded men."</p>		
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			<p><u>MILITARY MEDALS</u> (Continued) :-</p> <p><u>No. 2021 Driver William Daniel DENTON, 39th Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. At CERISY on the 8th August 1918, when the Battery came under heavy direct enfilade fire from a hostile 4.2 Battery and machine guns. Driver DENTON brought up his team and successfully withdrew his gun to another position, thereby saving the gun at a critical time."</p> <p><u>No. 1281 Bombardier Francis Allen BLOOMFIELD, 110th How. Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918 while the Battery was being shelled at close range from a flank, with H.E. and gas. After successfully taking up his team and withdrawing his gun, Bombardier BLOOMFIELD returned to the position - which was still being shelled - assisted with the wounded, and re-organised other teams which had suffered casualties to animals."</p> <p><u>No. 1456 Driver William MORAN, 110th How. Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918 when the Battery was being shelled at close range by an enemy Battery firing from a flank. He was lead Driver of a gun team and successfully withdrew a gun in spite of heavy fire. Whilst doing so, several teams became entangled in the confusion caused by a shell bursting among them. He got the team clear. "</p> <p><u>No. 37877 Gunner Lionel Arthur HANLON, 110th How. Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918 while the Battery was being shelled at close range by the enemy Battery from a flank. He was first to come forward when volunteers were called for to man a gun in an exposed position. His services were of great value and his coolness and resource were most marked."</p>			
			<p>No. 26069</p>			

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			<p><u>MILITARY MEDALS</u> (Continued) :-</p> <p><u>No. 26069 Gunner Douglas Graham FOTHERINGHAM, 110th How. Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918 while the Battery was being heavily shelled at close range by an enemy Battery from a flank, with H.E. and gas. Seeing a bolting team which another Driver was unable to stop, he ran to his comrade's assistance, succeeded in stopping the team, and unhooked the wounded horses. He mounted the wheel horse and drove the limber out of the shelled part. At this time the enemy was heavily shelling the Battery position and the teams approaching and withdrawing."</p> <p><u>No. 11058 Corporal Thomas FARLOW, 110th How. Battery :--</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918. While the Battery was being shelled at close range by the enemy from a flank, with H.E. and gas, Corporal FARLOW brought his team up to withdraw a gun. A shell killed one and wounded the other Drivers and himself. Although wounded, this N.C.O. remained and assisted the wounded to a place of safety. He was again wounded whilst doing this."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.</u></p> <p><u>No. 32298 Gunner (T/Bdr.) Hugh Bateman McCALLUM, 42nd Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 19th August 1918 the 42nd Battery in action to the East of ROSIERES was heavily shelled by 4.2s. and 5.9s.. Several shells fell right on the position, wounded the Battery Commander (Major S.F. HODGENS D.S.O.), ignited the camouflage and started a fire in the gun pit. At great personal risk this Gunner, with two others, remained at the position and carried the wounded Officer to a place of safety, afterwards returning to extinguish the fire. "</p>			

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				<p><u>MILITARY MEDALS</u> (Continued) :-</p> <p><u>No. 3293 Bombardier Dudley Griffith PARRY, 42nd Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the 19th August 1918 the 42nd Battery in action to the East of ROSIERES was heavily shelled by 4.2s. and 5.9s.. Several shells fell right on the position, wounded the Battery Commander (Major S.F. HODGENS, D.S.O.), ignited the camouflage and started a fire in the gun pit. At great personal risk this Gunner, with two others, remained at the position and carried the wounded Officer to a place of safety, afterwards returning to extinguish the fire ".</p> <p><u>No. 33471 Gunner Henry Arthur FOLLETT, 111th How. Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty near CERISY on the 8th August 1918. The Battery came under direct fire from two enemy 4.2 guns in MALARD WOOD and several men were wounded. Despite the continued shelling, Gunner FOLLETT went to help the wounded men and assisted in their removal. His gallant service was of greatest value to his Battery at a most critical period."</p> <p><u>4th Aust. Div. Signal Company (Attached)</u></p> <p><u>No. 2627 Corporal Harold Spencer ORKNEY, 4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.. --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at MORCOURT on the 8th August 1918. He laid and maintained telephone lines when communication was most important in an advance. He remained for 36 hours continuously under heavy shell fire by day and bombing by night, keeping communications in running order in spite of many difficulties. Corporal ORKNEY set a splendid example to those under him. "</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/ R.H.A. (attached)</p>		

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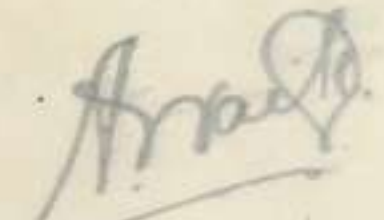
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				<p><u>MILITARY MEDALS</u> (Continued) :-</p> <p><u>16th Brigade R.H.A.</u> (Chestnut Troop) attached.</p> <p><u>No. 113233 Driver Harold TOMLINSON, "A" Battery --</u></p> <p>" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. On the night 11th/12th August 1918 the vicinity of the Ammunition Refilling Point at CERISY was heavily bombed by hostile aircraft. Several bombs fell very close to the congestion of wagons waiting their turn to load, causing confusion among the animals. Driver TOMLINSON with great coolness regulated the traffic and materially assisted in getting the convoys safely away. "</p> <p><u>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.,</u> <u>1st October 1918.</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">  Captain, Staff Captain, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery. </p>		

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NOTE :-

Owing to the mobile nature of operations and the many changes of location of these Headquarters consequent on the tactical situation, INTELLIGENCE REPORTS were not issued daily. on special occasions.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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11 a.m. 13th - 11 a.m 14/9/18.

OUR ARTILLERY - During the day some registration was carried out. Harassing fire was put down on the Copse and sunken road in R 9 b, CAMBRIERES WOODS, and L 33 d. The Support Heavy Artillery shelled LE VERGUIER.

All batteries fired on S.O.S. at 8.15 p.m. and continued at slow rate of fire until 9.40 p.m. During the night L 33 b and d and R 3 b were harassed at request of the Infantry Brigade in the line.

ENEMY ARTILLERY -

<u>Time</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Area shelled</u>	<u>G.S.Bs.</u>	<u>Obs. from.</u>
2.30 p.m.	4.2	20	R 9 c.	68°	R 19 a 7 7
7.00 p.m.	5.9 HV.	15	VRAIGNES	(48°	Q 24 c 2 2
				(80°	Q 15 b 4 e
7.00 p.m.	4.2	25	Q 17 d		
7.05 p.m.	5.9	10	R 21 d 8 7		
8.00 p.m.	77 mm	15	R 7	89°	Q 12 b 8 8
8.00 p.m.)					
6.00 a.m.)	4.2	100	R 7 a & c.		

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Alert. Heavy barrage put down on Divisional front 7 - 8 p.m. Transport shelled on roads east of HANCOURT.

AERIAL ACTIVITY - E.A. were active during the period, and E. observation planes patrolled our line during the day. Balloons were up on G.Bs

10 a.m.	25°	} R 19 a 7 7.
1.30 p.m.	28°	
4.30 p.m.	48°	
12 noon	57°	
		Q 23 d 9 9.

During the night bombing 'planes were active over our lines, two bombs were dropped in Q 14 d. 1 E.A. brought down in flames near PERONNE 9.20 p.m.

MOVEMENT - Stretcher parties seen in R 10 a 8513, transport and Infantry seen at R 9 d 9010 at 6.20 p.m., were engaged by our artillery.

FROM OTHER SOURCES - Wireless report states that the line in the ST. MIHIEL sector now runs HERBENVILLE - THILLOT - HATTONVILLE - ST. BIRNOIT - VIEVILLE, 13,000 prisoners counted so far.

C. Rowan. Lieutenant,
Reconn. Officer,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

11 a.m. 15th to 11 a.m. 16th September 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY - During the day the following targets were engaged :-
L 33 d (infantry in Copse), Nos. 2 & 5 Copse
(150 rounds), R 10 a and c, carrying parties in R 3 c 8 c, transport
on road in R 11 b.

At 5.10 p.m. a concentrated shoot was put down on
R 10 a and c at request of Infantry Brigade in the line. 220 rounds
fired. At 8.30 p.m. covering fire put down on L 27 d and LE VERGUIER
200 rounds fired. In addition the targets furnished by Division
were engaged.

During the night harassing fire was put down on an
enemy party cutting wire in R 3 b at request of Inf.

ENEMY ARTILLERY -

<u>Time</u>	<u>Calibre</u>	<u>Rds.</u>	<u>Area shelled</u>	<u>G.B.</u>	<u>Obs. from.</u>
11.43 am	4.2	20	SOYECOURT	48°	R 19 a 7272
12.52 pm	77	50	R 14 cent.	61°	do.
1.00 pm	4.2	30	R 14 d & 15 a & c.		
1.00)					
2.15)pm	5.9	50	VENDELLES	68°	Q 12 b 8 8.
2.20 pm	77 mm	50	R 14 c, R 19 a & b.	50°	
4.00 pm	4.2 HV.	15	BERNES		
7.45 pm	4.2 Shrap.	30	Q 25 b.		
4.45 pm	4.2	30	VENDELLES.		
5- 7 pm	4.2 & 77.	100	VENDELLES.		
6.00 pm	5.9	25	BERNES.		

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Active on the whole front.

The Valley in Q 17 b and d, and Q 18 c was heavily
shelled during period by 5.9 Hows. with balloon observation, and
H.V. guns were active on BERNES during the afternoon. The Valley
in P 2 a was shelled by H.V. guns firing shrapnel.

AERIAL ACTIVITY - E. balloons up 9.15 a.m. 12°, 21°, 36°, 31°, 45°,
47°, 50° and 84° G.B's from R 19 a 7272.

11 a.m. all balloons down.

12.30 p.m. 58°, 75°, 80°, 88°, 103°. } R 19 a 7272.

5.40 p.m. 1 balloon up at 74°.

E.A. were active over the line during the day and
burnt two of our balloons. Bombs were dropped in the battery areas
early in the evening. 1 enemy bombing 'plane brought down 10.20 pm
in flames N.E. of PERONNE.

FROM OTHER SOURCES - Prisoners taken by French West of CHEMIN DES DAMES
number 2,500. ST. MIHIEL sector prisoners number 20,000 and
100 guns. 3rd Army captured 1,500 prisoners in vicinity of
HAVRINCOURT WOOD.

C. H. Rowan Lieutenant,
Reconn. Officer,
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORTCONFIDENTIAL.12 noon 17th to 12 noon 18th September 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY - During the night harassing fire was carried out as usual, all centres of activity were shelled, and H.G.'s and roads harassed.

At 5.20 a.m. a creeping barrage was put down in support of our attack, and the RED line was reached at 9.55 a.m., when the barrage ceased.

ENEMY ARTILLERY - The artillery was very active, and the valley Q 17 d and b was shelled with 5.9 Hows. At intervals during the night heavy concentrations were placed in K 35 c & d with 5.9 and 4.2's firing H.E. and gas. The enemy barrage put down after ZERO was reported to be ragged and fell in rear of our advanced infantry, causing very few casualties.

AERIAL ACTIVITY - Several reconnaissance flights of E.A. seen over forward areas during day. From 9 p.m. to mid-night enemy bombing 'planes were very active over the whole forward area, and bombs were dropped in P 5 d and K 35 d. One enemy 'plane brought down in flames near ROISEL at 11.45 a.m. by our Scouts.

SITUATION - RED line held and infantry advancing to the BLUE line. Enemy pulling out his guns West. of the ST. QUENTIN Canal. Over 1000 prisoners reported on Div. Front. No news from the flank Divisions. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde report 450 prisoners in LE VERGUIER.

SAI NICA FRONT - French have captured 4000 prisoners and 20 guns.

C. H. R. R. R. Lieutenant,
Reconnaissance Officer,
Divisional Artillery

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIALDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT11 a.m. 18th to 11 a.m. 19th September 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY - Active during the period. During the day in addition to covering fire several zone calls were answered. During the night the Right Group put down a creeping barrage in support of the operation at 11 p.m. At 4.55 a.m. to 5.5 a.m. and 5.20 a.m. to 5.30 a.m. all batteries fired C.P. Phase 1b.

ENEMY ARTILLERY - Scattered shelling over Divisional front. During the afternoon 4.2 batteries actively engaged transport with balloon observation.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Quiet.

AERIAL ACTIVITY - E.A. very active during the day, flying low. One of our balloons shot down in flames near Q.4. 4 p.m. Bombs dropped on LE VERGUIER during the night.

CAPTURES - 5 Officers by the 38th Battery.
25 other ranks by 112th Battery.
at Quarry in L 28 a.
Prisoners taken on 4th Div. front now number 82 Officers 2073 O.R. including 6 Btn. Commanders.
1st Aust. Div. front 7.30 a.m. 60 Officers and 1375 other ranks.

SITUATION - 1st Aust. Div. hold the BLUE line, III Corps hold the RED line. Situation of IX Corps and French front obscure.

Lieutenant,
Reconn. Officer,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

11 a.m. 19th to 11 a.m. 20th September 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY - Registration was carried out by batteries. During the day M.Gs in G 34 c and the sunken road in G 28 c were harassed. Transport on road in G 22 c and d was scattered. A N.F. call on G 29 a 40 was answered by the Right group. XXXXXXX At 7.14 p.m. the Left Group fired on S.O.S. for 15 minutes. At 1 a.m. the Right Group fired in support of a minor operation carried out by the Right Infantry Brigade.

During the night harassing fire was put down on area S.O.S. line plus 200 yards to S.O.S. line plus 400 yards. G 22c PIKE WOOD and trench system G 21 b and PEG Copse received concentrations of fire.

The road at G 22 c and d., Canal Bank G 34 b, and BELLENGLISE MILL were harassed at intervals.

C.P. Phase 1 b. rate "A" was fired on the Division front from 5.15 a.m. - 5.25 a.m., and 5.35a.m. to 5.45 a.m.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY -

Time	Cal.	Rounds.	Area shelled	G.B. from.
6 p.m.	4.2	12	L 28 c	
5.30 pm.	77 mm	200	M 7 b and d.	86°30' L 28 d 27
6.20 pm.	4.2	12	L 28 c	
6.10 pm.	5.9 How.	50	M 1, M 7 and 8	

In addition the following areas were shelled with 77 mm and 4.2 Howitzers :-

Valley in R 4 c., DEAN Copse, CAMBRIERES WOOD, ASCENSION VALLEY and trenches in G 27 and 30 b.

Gun flash obtained from G 33 b 0 8 of 104°15' G.B. A 77 battery observed at approx. G 11 b 3527 firing on our sector.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Active on the front system, but there is no increase in shelling.

AERIAL ACTIVITY - Both sides were active during the period. At 4.10 p.m. 1 E. balloon brought down in flames and 1 E.A. crashed behind his line. Two of our planes collided in the clouds at 10 a.m. and both crashed, and one of our planes driven down at 4.50 p.m. and fell near BELLENGLISE. No large enemy formations seen.

Movement/.....

MOVEMENT - During the afternoon approximately 2 battalions of Infantry seen marching West, by companies, between the woods in H 26 a. The parallel road running east of the canal in G 29 a centre of continual movement. The bridge at G 22 d 8095 much used. A signal station is at approx. G 18 a. Two enemy guns can be seen at G 28 a abandoned. SPRINGBOK VALLEY in G 24 d is a centre of much enemy movement, numbers of Infantry and transport seen there.

MISCELLANEOUS - A German message dog was captured in LE VERGUEUR with message attached to his collar.

Enemy fired a golden rain light ; this brought down a light fire on our outposts, two green lights were then sent up and fire ceased.

Two 77 mm guns were captured at L 29 d 4 7, neither of them were fired during our attack, although there was ammunition there.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

CONFIDENTIALDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT11 a.m. 20th to 11 a.m. 21st September 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY - During the day registration was carried out on BELLENGLISE MILL and enemy trenches. The following N.F. calls were answered :- G 24 c, M 3 b.9 8, G 34 d 3 4, G 29 a 22 and G 36 a 2 7. Enemy transport on road in G 22 b, east of canal, wiring party at G 35 d 0 0 and movement in M 3 b, M 4 c and G 22 b was shelled during the day.

During the night, by arrangement with the Right Inf. Bde, heavy harassing fire was directed against the trench system running from G 22 cent. G 28 cent, the bridges and roads in vicinity of the canal were heavily shelled.

C.P. phase 1 b. was again put down from 5.40 a.m. - 5.50 a.m. and again from 6 a.m. - 6.10 a.m. This consisted of a creeping barrage in lifts of 100 yards from S.O.S. - S.O.S. line plus 1000 yards.

AIRIAL ATTITUDE - Fairly quiet during the period. Intermittent scattered harassing fire.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY - The following areas were shelled during the day - CAMBRIERES WOOD and road in R 3 d. At 4 p.m. LE VERGUIER and R 5 b were shelled by a 77 mm, and L 29 was harassed by a 4.2 H.V. gun. During the period, R 4 b was shelled by a 5.9 How. at 7 p.m.

The following bearings (sound) were taken to hostile batteries :-

77 mm	92° G.	from L 23 d 2 7
4.2	65° 30' G.	" do.
4.2 HV.	55° G.	" L 29 c 2000

Scattered shelling was reported on front line system during the period.

ENEMY ACTIVITY - There was moderate activity. An enemy balloon was brought down in flames at 4.55 p.m. During the evening E.A. flew low over the front line. At night bombing planes were active on both sides. Bombs were dropped near L 22. 1 E.A. brought down near LE VERGUIER in flames by one of our planes at 9.45 p.m. another bombing E.A. reported brought down by M.G. fire at 9.30 p.m. near VENDELLES.

From other sources /

FROM OTHER SOURCES -

ESSIGNY-LE-GRAND has been taken by the French also prisoners east of the AILLETTE. Enemy counter attacks were beaten off at all points, and the enemy obtained no result but suffered heavy losses. French have made progress West of AINSY and North of VAILLU. French patrols penetrated the enemy lines N.W. of SOUAIN and brought back prisoners.

PRISONERS - The number of prisoners which passed Corps Jagers and C.O.S. since August 8th is 41,730, of which 977 are officers. A good number of prisoners still remain to be counted.

This is the greatest number of prisoners captured by one Army up to date as the result of operations. The second largest number of prisoners, that captured by the Fourth and Fifth Armies combined during the first battle of the SOMME, resulted in the capture of 38,000 prisoners, but whereas this latter number covered a period of 4 months' fighting, the number recently captured by the Fourth Army has been obtained in a space of 48 days.

Among the officers captured yesterday were the Commander of the 1st R.I.R. (1st Res. Div.), and the Commanders of the 3rd Bn., 59th I.R., 2nd Bn., 1st R.I.R. (1st Res. Div.) and the 1st Bn., 58th I.R. (119th Div.). Several other Bn. Commanders were also captured, but their Regiments are not at present known.

GENERAL -

Our operations yesterday were extremely successful. A small counter-attack by a tired division from reserve north of the OMIGNON was repulsed. A strong counter-attack by a tired division from the direction of BONY succeeded in forcing our troops to give ground towards LEMPIRE.

From prisoners' statements, it is not considered that many reserve divisions are at present holding the HINDENBURG LINE. It is anticipated that the enemy may continue to make counter-attacks against the northern flank of the Army from the direction of BONY and GUILLEMONT Farm.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.CONFIDENTIAL.HEADQUARTERS,
22nd September 1918.DAILY
INTELLIGENCE REPORT
for period 11 a.m., 21st - 11 a.m., 22nd.OUR ARTILLERY :-

During the day trenches in G 28 a and road in G 22 c were fired on; movement at G 36 a 2 7, G 35 a and G 29 a and d was engaged.

N.F. call G 35 d 3 3 was answered.

A Section of 4.2 guns firing from G 34 d 9010 was fired on by the RIGHT Group.

Movement in the Canal bank from M 6 a - M 5 b, and a 77 mm. firing from approx. M 6 a 3 3 were fired on by 18-prs.. The latter was silenced.

At night roads and trenches were heavily harassed, also G 35 and 29, Bridge at G 16 d, Cross Roads at G 22 b engaged. C.F. Scheme phase 1B was again fired during the early morning. The 16th Battery fired 25 rounds from a 77 mm. captured gun.

ENEMY ATTITUDE :-

No increase in activity.

A light barrage was put down near G 31 at 7 p.m.. No counter Battery shoots reported.

ENEMY ARTILLERY :-

Areas shelled were :-

Time	Cal.	Rds.	Area	G.B.	From
11 a.m.	5.9		G 31 & 32	46°	G 33 b 0080
11.5 a.m.	77	20	L 29 a		
11.55	4.2	20	L 29 a 5 5		
4.25 pm.	77	20	L 28 c and d		
5.35 pm.	77	20	L 28 c	86°	L 28 d 2 7
6 p.m.	4.2	30	LE VERGUIN.		

The following areas also received fire - R 4 c, L 33 d.
The vicinity of VENDELLES was shelled during the night by 4.2s. and 5.9s..

AERIAL ACTIVITY

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AERIAL ACTIVITY :-

E.A. were active during the period.

At 2.15 p.m. E.A. flew low over support line.

At 6.10 p.m. 12 E.A. were seen over L 28.

Balloons were up at G.Bs. of 43°, 67°, 98° from G 33 b o s and 64° from L 28 d 2 7.

MOVEMENT :-

Much traffic was observed on the NAUROY - BILLECOURT Road. Ambulances seen in WATLING STREET at 6 18 a. Movement was fired on as detailed in Artillery Summary.

Visibility was good all day but movement decreased in the afternoon.

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4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORTCONFIDENTIAL.

for period

6 a.m., 26th to 6 a.m., 27th Sept. 1918.

OUR ARTILLERY - During the period our artillery was very active. The following NF calls were answered - A 4 a 8 1, A 20 b 4 8, A 29 a 7 3, A 29 c 8 6, A 29 b 8 3. Trenches in A 1 d 2 4 - A 7 b 2 8 - tracks in F 12a and A 7 b were harassed during the day.

During the night a special gas bombardment was put down on selected areas of the enemy front, four synchronised shoots of 15 minutes each were put down; 18-pdr. batteries fired gas for the first time.

At 5.30 a.m. all groups took part in a creeping barrage in support of the attack on the HINDENBURG Line by the 27th American Division.

ENEMY ARTILLERY - At 10.45 p.m. and 3.15 a.m. a barrage of 5.9 and 4.2 Hows. put down on F 29 c, F 28 d and L 5 b, approx. 200 rounds each. Intermittent shelling during night F 21 b, F 22 a, with 5.9 and 4.2 Hows. 100 rounds; some 77 mm shrap. over ST. EMILIE 8 p.m., some gas shelling 1 a.m. in vicinity of F 26. 4.2 shelled F 25 and 26 at 1 a.m. and 3 a.m.

ENEMY ATTITUDE - Active; no special counter-preparation reported. Mainly heavy harassing fire.

AERIAL ACTIVITY - Two of our balloons brought down in flames 4.45 p.m. E.A. active.

SITUATION - The operation at 5.30 a.m. has been mainly successful, some opposition was experienced at QUENNEMONT Farm but this is now in our possession. On the Left Flank the knoll in F 12 a was not in our possession and at GUILLEMONT Farm the position is obscure. 150 prisoners have been taken up to the present.

WAR NEWS.

The French and Americans attacked on a 20 mile front between VERDUN and RHEIMS; MONT FAUCON held by Americans. 10,000 prisoners to date.

Over 40,000 prisoners now counted in PALESTINE; this accounts for two Turkish Armies. The British have entered BULGARIA and have captured KOSTURINO, 10 miles N.E. of Lake DORIAN.

C. A. Rowan
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Staff-Lieut.,
4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT from11 a.m. 28th Sept. - 11 a.m. 29th September 1918.

SITUATION - This morning at 5.50 the 27th American Division attacked the HINDENBURG LINE between MALAKOFF WOOD and VENDHUILE under cover of a creeping barrage put down by nine Field Artillery and one Horse Artillery Brigade, the attack was also continued on the left the by III Corps.

The visibility was bad during the early morning, but gradually improved.

A considerable amount of retaliatory shelling was reported in the battery areas after the attack, and concentrations of gas were reported.

High Velocity gun activity was reported from the N. East : an 8" How. fired about 20 rounds on railway at F 8 a 6 4.

At 10.30 a.m. the Americans were reported to be in GOUY : a good deal of opposition was experienced in the main HINDENBURG LINE.

The enemy barrage on our infantry was reported to be light.

One E.A. and 1 balloon brought down at 10 a.m., the balloon in flames.

W. G. L. L.

Lieutenant,
Reconnaissance Officer
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.CONFIDENTIAL.DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT
for period11 a.m., 29th to 11 a.m., 30th Sept. '18OUR ARTILLERY :-

During the period our Artillery was very active and the HINDENBURG LINE in S 21 was barraged by our Brigades. Later, when the situation cleared, the area along the northern end of the GREEN LINE was barraged as this was a centre of much movement. The enemy was observed to be reinforcing the HINDENBURG LINE and the trenches S.W. of VANDHULE from that direction. About 20 N.F. calls were received and fired on during the period.

ENEMY SHELLING :-

Intermittent shelling continued during the period. RONSSOY VILLAGE and WOOD were shelled during the day, and ST PATRICK'S VALLEY, F 9 Cent., received heavy concentrations at different times.

AERIAL ACTIVITY :-

Enemy activity was very slight. Our 'planes were very active and large squadrons flew over the enemy's lines. No hostile A.A. fire was noticed.

MOVEMENT :-

At 2 p.m. parties of enemy were observed in single file at LARGEVAL FARM S 27 d, moving in S. Westerly direction. Large numbers of Boche were seen in trench system at X 29 d at 2:30 p.m. bombing our Infantry out of this line.

SITUATION :-

The 3rd Aust. Div. and elements of 27th AMERICAN Division are reported to be advancing along the KROLL SPUR, S.E. of VANDHULE and it is reported that our Infantry are on Canal at A 3.

Our troops are advancing N.E. along Railway Ridge A 22 and on ridge N.E. of BONY and mopping up the HINDENBURG LINE.

COUY and BONY are reported to be held by us.

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Staff-Lieut.,
4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.