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<u>ANTHEE,</u> <u>BELGIUM.</u>	<u>February</u> <u>1919.</u>		<u>VOL. XXXVII.</u>		
	1st		<p>The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery is billeted in the ROSEE Area, near DINANT. No change has taken place in the distribution of Units of the Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>In the absence of the G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division at AUSTRALIAN CORPS HEADQUARTERS, the C.R.A. (Brigadier-General W.L.H. BURGESS, C.M.G., D.S.O.) is commanding both the Division and the Divisional Artillery, but is remaining at ANTHEE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----</p>		
	2nd		<p>Major General E.G. SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O. who is commanding the AUSTRALIAN CORPS in the absence of Lieut.-General Sir J.J. TALBOT-HOBBS, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., V.D., on leave, visited Headquarters 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery during the morning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----</p>		
	3rd		<p>The acting G.O.C. (Brigadier-General W.L.H. BURGESS, C.M.G., D.S.O.) visited 4th Aust. Divisional Headquarters, DINANT, and dealt with Administrative, Routine and Departmental matters.</p> <p>Seventy two (72) horses were sold by auction at DINANT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----</p>		
	4th		<p>The A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. 4th Australian Division (Colonel R. DOWSE, D.S.O.) called at 4th Aust. Div. Artillery Headquarters and after Conference with the A/G.O.C. went with Lieut. C.H. ROWAN and Lieut. A.V. PATERSON M.M. (4th Aust. Div.) to CHATELINEAU (near CHARLEROI) to select and arrange for gun and vehicle park.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----</p>		
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	<p>5th</p>		<p>2/ The following Cadets, (Probationary/Lieutenants) reported to D.A.H.Q. from UNITED KINGDOM and after interview by the A/G.O.C. were posted to the Artillery Units :-</p> <p>2/Lieut. J.B. CROFT 2/Lieut. G.P. STUCKEY 2/Lieut. L.B. HOTCHIN 2/Lieut. R.B. NOTTAGE 2/Lieut. C.E.J. BURNS.</p> <p>----</p>	
	<p>6th</p>		<p>The G.S.O. I (Lieut.-Colonel J.B. LAVARACK, D.S.O.) and D.A.A.G. (Captain A.M. MOULDEN) called at 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. with Administrative and Departmental papers.</p> <p>----</p>	
	<p>7th</p>		<p>Arrangements were made with 1st Aust. Divisional Artillery to take over the gun limber ammunition from the Section of the 4th Aust. Divisional Artillery at MORIALME. Central dump arranged and site was selected at STAVE to take balance of ammunition from 4th Aust. Div. Artillery limbers and wagons before entrainment of same for Base.</p> <p>----</p>	
	<p>8th</p>		<p>A/G.O.C. 4th Aust. Division visited Div. Headquarters DINANT and dealt with routine and administrative matters of the Division.</p> <p>----</p>	
<p>9th</p>		<p>The Corps Commander (Major General E.G. SINCLAIR-MACLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O.) visited 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. during the morning.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/10.....</p>		

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	<p>10th</p>		<p>The a/G.O.C. visited STAVE and inspected site for Ammunition Dump, then went on to CHATELINEAU and inspected entrainment arrangements and facilities at Railway Station.</p> <p>-----</p>	
	<p>11th</p>		<p>4th Aust. Div. Artillery despatched 330 "Y" Class horses to the Base.</p> <p>-----</p>	
	<p>12th</p>		<p>330 "Y" Class horses entrained and sent to base.</p> <p>-----</p>	
	<p>13th</p>		<p>The a/G.O.C. visited and inspected the AUSTRALIAN CORPS Physical and Recreational Training School at BARBENCON. Excellent institution, good syllabus, sound and progressive instruction, giving enjoyable and most satisfactory results.</p> <p>-----</p>	
	<p>14th</p>		<p>Administrative and Departmental Duties. D.A.A.G. called at 4th Aust. div. Artillery H.Q.</p> <p>-----</p>	
<p>15th</p>		<p>a/G.O.C. visited 4th Aust. D.A.C. at BIESMEREE and presented the Medallions to the Members of the winning Team in the Australian Rules Football Competition within the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.</p> <p>The Corps Commander visited 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters during the afternoon.</p> <p>-----</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/18.....</p>		

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(BELGIUM)	16th		G.S.O. I, and a/D.A.A.G. called at 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. with Departmental Papers. Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O., reported on return from leave.		
	17th		a/G.O.C. visited 4th Aust. Div. Headquarters, DINANT, returning to Artillery Headquarters in the evening. One hundred & Twenty six (126) horses of 4th Aust. Div. Artillery entrained for HAVRE.		
	18th		The following Cadets, probationary Second Lieutenants, reported to 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. from U.K. and after interview by a/G.O.C. were posted to the Artillery Units. 2nd Lieuts H.J. HEAD, A.S. McCORMICK and A.B. FOTHERINGHAM.		
	19th		a/D.A.A.G. called with Departmental Papers from Divisional Headquarters.		
	20th		a/G.O.C. visited 4th Aust. Div. H.Q., DINANT, and dealt with Administrative and Departmental matters.		
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(BELGIUM)	21st			Arranged Unit parades, where possible, for visit of Mr. W.M. HUGHES, AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister, but Minister failed to arrive in time, so all parades cancelled except that of the 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade at FLORENNES, which he attended and addressed.		
	22nd			The G.O.C., A.I.F., (General Sir. W.R. BIRDWOOD ) visited all Units of the 4th Aust. Div. Artillery and spoke to assembled Officers at respective Headquarters. a/G.O.C. accompanied him throughout his tour. The G.O.C., A.I.F. met all Brigades and Battery Commanders at the 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q., then went to 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade H.Q. at FLORENNES, returning to 4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q., Chateau Fontained, ANTREE, for the night.		
	23rd			G.O.C., A.I.F. ( Gen. Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD ) left H.Q., 4th Aust. Div. Artillery at 9 a.m. en route to visit 2nd Australian Division. a/D.A.A.G. called at Div. Artillery Headquarters with Departmental papers.		
	24th			The a/G.O.C., visited 10th Aust. F.A. Bde Headquarters, and then went on to 4th Aust. Division H.Q. at DINANT. Dealt with Administrative and Departmental matters and attended the Division Horse Sale at DINANT.  23 "Z" Class horses and mules of the Divisional Artillery sold at this sale in addition to animals from other Units.		
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	25th			-----		
	26th )			Administrative and Routine Duties, no special entries of interest.		
	27th )			-----		
	28th			150 "Z" Class horses sold at GIVET.		
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			<u>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.</u>	<i>J.G. Campbell</i>		
			<u>1st March 1919.</u>	Major, brigade-Major, <u>4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.</u>		



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			-	... <u>No ORDERS or INSTRUCTIONS were issued.</u> ...	
			-	... <u>No DEFENCE SCHEME was issued.</u> ...	
			IX	... <u>Appreciative letters received from Children and residents of ROSEE Sub-Area.</u> ...	Attached in pamphlet form.

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*4th Aust Div Artillery HQ*

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APPENDIX 1 :-

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, MOVEMENTS, EVENTS AND GENERAL HISTORICAL INFORMATION DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1919.

1. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery is still billeted in the ROSEE Area where it has been for the last ten weeks.

No change has taken place in the distribution and location of the several Units which are as follows :-

H.Q., 4th Aust. Div. Arty. - Chateau Fontaine, ANTHEE.

10th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q. - FLAVION.

37th Battery - ROSEE.  
38th Battery - OSTERLEE.  
39th Battery - FLAVION.  
110th Battery - FALAEN.

11th Aust. F.A. Bde, H.Q. - AGIMONT.

41st Battery - AGIMONT.  
42nd Battery - AGIMONT.  
43rd Battery - GOCHENEVE.  
111th Battery - SOULME.

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			<p>4. The proportion of the Divisional Artillery in the Quotas from this Division has been inevitably very small owing to the necessity of retaining men to efficiently look after the large number of animals. The above reduction of animals and equipment has liberated a large number of personnel, now available for demobilization, and 80 Officers, 40 Warrant and N.C.O's, and 526 Other Ranks are now in readiness to proceed with No. 13 Quota, which it is hoped to despatch early in March.</p>	
			<p>5. Strikes and Shipping troubles in the U.K. have greatly delayed the despatch of recent quotas and the long period of waiting has been somewhat trying to all concerned. Ample personnel are now available from this Artillery and it is hoped, if normal quotas proceed regularly, and without further delays, to concentrate and amalgamate this Divisional Artillery during March 1919.</p>	
			<p>6. Snow, frost and severe weather interfered with the Sports Programme during the first part of the month but more moderate conditions permitted the several competitions and events to proceed towards the end.</p>	
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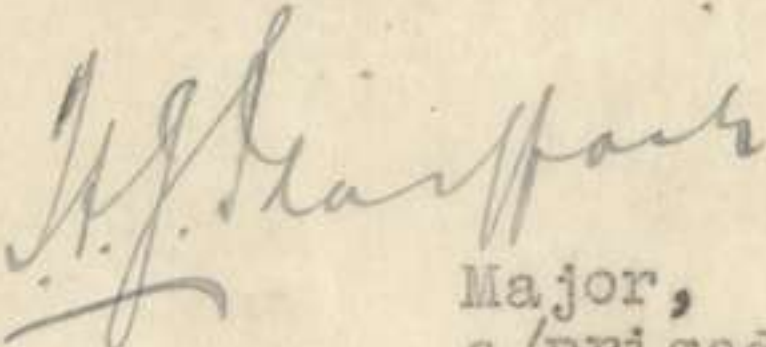
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UNITS	(a)			(b) *			(c)			(d)			(e) *			
	Off.	O.R.	TOT.	Off.	O.R.	TOT.	Off.	O.R.	TOT.	Off.	O.R.	TOT.	Off.	O.R.	TOT.	
4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.	6	20	26	5	23	28	-	3	3	-	2	2	5	22	27	
10th Aust. F.A.Bde.	24	785	809	25	584	609	-	35	35	6	23	29	31	572	603	
11th Aust. F.A.Bde.	24	785	809	27	590	617	3	22	25	5	19	24	29	587	616	
4th Aust. D.A.C.,	15	570	585	15	452	467	-	37	37	3	35	38	18	450	468	
<u>TOTALS.</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>2160</u>	<u>2229</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>1649</u>	<u>1721</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>1631</u>	<u>1714</u>	
<p>4th Aust. M.T.Ms are now non-existent.</p> <p>NOTES :- (a) This establishment does not include attached.                  (b) Remaining effective strength at end of preceding month.                  (c) Includes all casualties, i.e. battle Casualties (vide APP. II) Sick Evacuations, wastage, etc. ; also includes personnel repatriated.                  (d) Shows all reinforcements received during current month.                  (e) Shows actual effective strength at end of current month, i.e. (b) minus (c) plus (d) = (e).                  * Columns (b) and (e) include all Officers and Other Ranks on command, leave at Schools, etc. (except personnel at R.B.A.A.)</p>																

W. Wilson Lieut. a/Staff-Captain, 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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			<p>SYNOPSIS TO ACCOMPANY 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF                      *****                      DECEMBER 1918.                      *****</p> <p><u>Extract from Sir. DOUGLAS HAIG's "Victory" Despatch.</u></p> <p><u>ARTILLERY.</u></p> <p>" Four years of Scientific Warfare have seen a consistent and progressive developement in the power and influence of Artillery, both in actual infantry battle and in all the stages which have lead up to it. Despite the handicap under which we started the War, British Artillery has played a large part in that developement, and of late has dominated the enemy's artillery to an ever increasing degree. The influence of this fact upon the moral - both of our own and the enemy's troops - could scarcely be exaggerated.</p> <p>During the present year the greater number of guns available for our use, and the amount and regularity of our ammunition supply, combined with the enemy's weakened powers of resistance, due to the better fighting of the last two years, have for for the most part lead to the substitution of sudden and intanse outbursts of fire for the prolonged destructive bombardments which preceded our attacks in 1917.</p> <p>All ranks of the artillery have adapted themselves to these new conditions with complete success, and in the rapid movements of the latter stages of our advance have shown the highest technical skill and the most indefatigable energy. The accuracy and intensity of our barrages, frequently arranged at short notice and with little opportunity being given for ranging or previous reconnoitring of the ground have contributed largely to the success of our infantry attacks.</p> <p>The intimate co-operation between artillery and infantry which is the first requisite in modern war, has been a marked feature of our operations "</p>	

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*H. G. Hart*  
 Major,  
 Brigade-Major,  
 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

ORIGINAL.4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div. Artillery HQrs.APPENDIX IXofWar Diary for month of February.1919Contents.

CORRESPONDENCE relating to the appreciation by the residents and children of the area in which the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery is billeted, for entertainments during the 'XMAS and NEW YEAR.

Also TRANSLATION of above.

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26.2.19

To Staff Captain

4th Austral Div Artillery

Herewith please find on return  
letter from the Girls School of ANTHEE, with  
the translation you asked for.

We beg to inform you that at  
your request, we forwarded messages of  
thanks to the Pruzomaster of ANTHEE,  
FLAYION, BIESMERE and AGIMONT.

A. Firmy.



## COMITÉ NATIONAL DE SECOURS ET D'ALIMENTATION

COMITÉ LOCAL D'ANTHÉE

Département d'Alimentation

N°

Annexe

OBJET :

De la 4<sup>e</sup> division d'Orbellini  
 de l'Armée Australienne  
 cantonnée au Château de Toulouin  
 Anthée

L'Administration communale d'Anthée  
 lui témoigne de sa délicate attention que vous  
 avez témoignée de son égard en lui offrant  
 les magnifiques drapeaux Australien et Belge  
 destinés à l'école des filles en souvenir de la belle  
 fête du jour de l'an donnée par nos libérateurs  
 aux enfants du village; vous en remercie de  
 tout cœur. Ce sera pour nous un souvenir  
 vivace de notre union

Soyez persuadés braves Soldats, que si  
 les années s'éternisent les nobles bannières  
 continueront de flotter et nous rappelleront vos  
 vaillants exploits

Agrez, Messieurs, l'assurance de notre éternelle  
 reconnaissance

Pour Le Bourgmestre

Anthée ce 30/7/1919

L'Échevin Président  
 Offrande

Commune de Anthée

To the 4<sup>th</sup> Div. Australian Artillery.  
Chateau de Fontaine.  
Anthée.

The Administration of the Commune of Anthée is deeply touched by the delicate attention which you have shown in regard to the offer of the magnificent Australian & Belgian flags to the Girls' School, as a souvenir of the handsome fête given by our liberators on the first day of the New Year to the children of this village; we thank you most heartily; It will be for us a long-lived souvenir of our unions.

Allow us to persuade you brave soldiers that while the noble banner of your immortal army continues to float, it will remind us of your valiant exploits.

Assuring you, Gentlemen,  
of our eternal gratitude,  
for the Burgomaster,

Anthée ce 20/1/14

Copy for  
Burgomaster  
SC

G. Gaudon

Translation

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to the Officers and Soldiers of the  
fourth Australian Divisional Artillery

4th	
AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY.	
No.	C 5/170
Date.	14. 2. 19.

Sirs,

The young boys of the villages of ANTHÉE and of MIAVOYE, beg the Officers and Soldiers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Artillery of the valiant Australian Army, billeted in these villages, to be willing to accept their lively thanks for their great kindness to us and particularly for the touching feast they organised at their intention on New Year's day.

After having trembled during more than four years at the sight of the grey uniforms; how sweet it is specially for us the little ones and the most timid, to feel beat, at last, under the uniform of the soldier friend, a generous heart in unison with our hearts!

How great was our pleasure to be able to sit amongst you, at the table upon which a delicate attention accumulated such a lot of exquisite sweets, from which we were deprived such a long time.

The name of your beautiful country Australia will always raise in our memory the remembrance of his good and valiant soldiers, who did come from so far and through so many perils, to cooperate in such an efficacious manner at the deliverance of our dear Country and whose first care it was, on arriving in our country which suffered so much, to employ themselves to make forget to the little ones their numerous and long privations, by

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a real touching generosity.

Soon, the so desired peace will spread at last its favours on the world, and will allow you to return covered with glory, to the distant country which you did leave voluntarily, to be the eager defenders of Right and Justice. Our thoughts will follow you on the other side of the Oceans and you may be sure, Sirs, that always we will remember your stay amongst us, always we shall keep the pleasing remembrance of your great goodness.

Australia for Ever !!

His valiant and glorious Army for Ever !!

signed:

Gaston Namant, Fernand Vanderest, Gaston Burniat,  
Roger Pochet, Henri Pochet, Fernand Degodenne, Joseph Sovet,  
Jules Paquet, Edouard Ferraille, Jules Paquet, Fernand Cousin,  
Louis Paquet, Franz Stephenne, Joseph Cat, Desiré Martinot,  
Arsène Degodenne, Joseph Paquet, Felix Cat, Gustave Pouchet,  
Maurice Vose, Gustave Watée

Anthee le 31 January 1919

9. 1. 1919.  
To B<sup>g</sup> G<sup>o</sup> W. L. H. Burgess.  
C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div.

Sir,

All the people and specially  
the childrens are sending their  
best thanks to the officers and  
men of the H.Q. and Battery  
of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Australian  
Artillery Brigade for their kind  
gifts and presents on the  
occasion of Xmas and new  
year day.

The generosity of the officers  
and men was so great that  
they don't know how to express  
their gratitude.

Father Xmas who was a  
officer had the greatest success  
amongst the little ones  
specially.

Everyone in the different  
commune where those volunteers  
are billeted, sends to you and  
each of them and specially  
the promoters of that joyfull  
feast, their most deep and  
heartfull thanks.

Yours respectfully,

R. Vinny.

O. C. BELGIAN MISSION  
ATTACHED H. Q. 4<sup>th</sup> Australian DIVISION

Translation



To our dear and kind Friends of Australia

Gentlemen,

Lately a new feeling is born and has grown in our childish hearts, a feeling of true friendship joined with a deep gratitude for the Australian troops, whose arrival we greeted with enthusiasm indeed, but also, we admit it frankly with a certain curiosity.

Who were these men coming from a country so far away? we were saying. You arrived and you were like us, or rather better than us, because you don't know the selfishness of our old civilisation, you do good for the pleasure of seeing others happy and make us love you; and we tell it you quite simply: you did succeed. The charming feast you organised on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan has shown too well the qualities of your hearts for that ours could be insensible to it.

Under the hard German rule, our mothers were only able to procure us bread, often not enough and always black and very dry. The treat you secured us has been as a sunbeam in our childish hearts. You learned the youngest that in life there would be for them something else as dry bread; thus you opened our young hearts to the hope of a better future.

Thanks for the very little ones, also thanks for us. The toys you distributed will be kept as relics; in twenty years we will show to the young generations the gift which was given us in 1919 by the Australian troops billeted in our houses.

And if we were tempted to forget you, two very eloquent voices are here which would speak of you to the

children who will succeed us on the school benches. The splendid colours of Australia and Belgium floating above our heads would say us incessantly: "These two nations were formerly related by trade; the war made them brothers in the real meaning of that word. Are they not in the future united by the bands of blood? Did not the sons of the noble Australia come freely to defend the Belgian soil and to fall side by side with our soldiers?"

Gentlemen, you gained our gratitude by too many rights that we could never forget you, our hearts are pressed at the thought that every day passing shortens your stay amongst us.

However we will not be selfish. We know that in your nice country, numerous are the loving hearts which are praying God to give you an early return. We will join our prayers to theirs and as children of Catholic Belgium, we will ask the Almighty to bless always our dear Australians and to render their country already so rich, more and more prosperous.

The Australians and  
their dear Country for ever !!!

The children of the Girls school at ANTHEE near DINANT, province  
of NAMUR. BELGIUM.



A nos chers et bons Amis de l' Australie,

Messieurs,

Un sentiment nouveau est né et a grandi dans nos cœurs enfantins durant ces derniers temps : celui d'une sincère amitié jointe à une profonde reconnaissance pour les troupes australiennes, dont nous avions déjà salué l'arrivée avec enthousiasme, c'est vrai, mais aussi nous l'avons franchement avec une certaine curiosité.

Qu'étaient donc ces hommes venus d'un pays si éloigné du nôtre, nous disions-nous ? Vous êtes arrivés, et nous vous avons trouvés semblables à nous, ou plutôt meilleurs que nous, car vous ne connaissez pas l'égoïsme de notre vieille civilisation ; vous faites le bien pour goûter le plaisir de voir des heureux, pour vous faire aimer ; laissez-nous vous le dire bien simplement. Vous y avez réussi. La séance charmante que vous avez organisée le premier janvier nous a trop bien montré les qualités de vos cœurs pour que les nôtres y soient restés insensibles.

Sous le dur régime boche, nos mamans ne parvenaient qu'avec peine à nous procurer un pain souvent insuffisant, toujours noir et bien sec surtout. Le régal que vous nous avez procuré a été comme un rayon de soleil dans nos âmes d'enfants. Il a appris aux plus petits qu'il y aurait pour eux dans la vie autre chose que du pain sec ; vous avez ainsi ouvert nos jeunes cœurs à l'espérance en un avenir meilleur.

Merci pour les tout petits, merci aussi pour nous. Les jouets que vous nous avez distribués seront conservés à l'égal de reliques ; dans vingt ans nous montrerons aux jeunes générations le cadeau qui nous fut



Fait en 1919 par les troupes australiennes cantonnées chez nous.  
Et si nous étions tentés de vous oublier, il est deux voix bien éloquentes  
qui se chargeraient de parler de vous, Messieurs, aux enfants que  
nous suivront sur les bancs de l'école. Les magnifiques drapeaux  
d'Australie et de Belgique qui flottent au-dessus de nos têtes  
nous rediront sans cesse : « Les deux nations, reliées autrefois par de  
saines relations économiques, la guerre les a faites sœurs et dans le  
vrai sens du mot. Ne sont-elles pas désormais unies par les liens  
du sang ? - Les fils de la noble Australie ne sont-ils pas venus de  
leur plein gré défendre notre sol belge et tomber côte à côte  
avec nos petits soldats ? »

Messieurs, vous avez acquis notre reconnaissance à trop de  
titres pour que nous puissions jamais vous oublier ; notre  
seul terre à la pensée que chaque jour qui s'écoule diminue  
d'autant votre séjour parmi nous.

Cependant nous ne voulons pas être égoïstes. Nous savons  
que, dans votre beau pays, nombreux sont les cœurs aimants

prigent Dieu de vous accorder un prompt retour. Nous joindrons nos prières aux leurs, et en enfants de la catholique Belgique, nous demanderons au Tout-Puissant de bénir toujours nos chers Australiens et de rendre leur pays déjà si riche de plus en plus prospère.

Vivent les Australiens!!!  
et Vive leur chère Patrie!!!

Les enfants de l'école des filles d'Anthee, près de Dinant, province de Namur - Belgique:

Georgine Pochet - Marie Defaeqz - Maria Mottint.  
Agnès Galand - Denise Roba -  
Jeanne Coussaint - Laure Coussaint - Gabrielle Colot -  
Julia Defaeqz - Gilberte Darras.  
Jeanne Ducloux - Marguerite Wilkin - Yvonne Botin -  
Jeanne Radomme - Rosa Vanderest -  
Marie Radomme - Louise Hublot - Flora Radomme -  
Henriette Cat - Célestine Radomme -  
Lucie Vose - Louise Lejeune - Clire Cat - Marie Roba -  
Claire Paquet - Germaine Roba -  
Elisabeth Werhmann.

La religieuse - institutrice:

sœur Modeste

O. 30

14-2-19



to O. C.  
H. Q. Div. Art.  
4th Cavalry

I beg to hand you  
translation and originals of  
the testimonials from the residents  
of ANTHEE.

Translations of your messages  
are sent to the Commandants and  
villagers where Artij units are  
billeted, as you have requested.

P/O. C. BELGIAN MISSION  
ATTACHED H. Q. 4th Cavalry DIVISION

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
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in War Messgo.  
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15-2-1919

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

4th
AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
No. 05170
Date.....

O.C.,  
BELGIAN Mission,  
Att. H.Q. 4th Aust. Div..

HEADQUARTERS,  
ANTHEE, BELGIUM,  
7th Feb. 1919.

Will you please forward a translation of the attached testimonial from the residents of ANTHEE, and return with the original to this Office at your earliest convenience ?.

The C.R.A. requests that you will also translate the following message and forward copies to the representatives of the several Communes and Villages in which our several Artillery Units are billeted.

*[Handwritten signature]*

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

" To .....  
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For myself, and on behalf of all the Officers and soldiers of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery, I wish to thank you all most sincerely for your kind letters of appreciation of our efforts to entertain the Children during the recent Christmas and New Year Season.

We all join in expressing to you our Heartiest and Best Wishes for the Future, and trust that this New Year is but the commencement of lasting Peace, Happiness and Prosperity for BELGIUM, for You, Your Children, and Their's.

Shortly we shall be leaving for our own Homeland, and though we shall leave behind us many friends in BELGIUM, we all rejoice to know that in our absence you will retain for us the same kindly remembrance and feelings of friendship which we shall always have for you.

(Signed) W.L.H. BURGESS, Brigadier-General,  
Commanding 4th Aust. Div. Artillery. "

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A Messieurs les Officiers et Soldats.  
de la 4<sup>e</sup> Division d'Artillerie de l'Armée Australienne  
cantonnés à Anthée et à Miavoje.

Messieurs,

Les jeunes garçons des villages  
d'Anthée et de Miavoje prient Messieurs  
les Officiers et Soldats de la 4<sup>e</sup> Division  
d'artillerie de la vaillante armée australienne  
cantonnés dans ces villages, de bien vouloir  
agréer leurs vifs remerciements pour leur  
extrême gentillesse à leur égard et tout  
particulièrement pour la fête touchante qu'ils  
ont organisée à leur intention le jour  
du nouvel an.

Après avoir tremblé pendant plus de  
quatre ans à la vue de l'uniforme gris  
du soldat oppresseur, combien il est doux  
surtout pour nous, les petits et les plus  
crautifs, de sentir enfin, sous le bel u-  
niforme du soldat ami, battre un cœur  
généreux à l'unisson du nôtre !

Combien notre plaisir fut grand de pou-  
voir nous asseoir au milieu de vous, à la  
table sur laquelle une délicate attention  
avait accumulé tant de douceurs exquis  
dont nous étions privés depuis si longtemps !

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Le nom de votre beau pays d'Australie évoquera toujours dans notre esprit le souvenir de ses bons et vaillants soldats accourus de si loin, à travers tant de périls, pour coopérer d'une façon si efficace à la libération de notre chère Patrie et dont l'un des premiers soins, en arrivant dans notre pays si éprouvé fut de s'employer à faire oublier aux petits leurs nombreuses et longues privations, par une générosité vraiment touchante.

Bientôt, la paix tant désirée étendra enfin ses bienfaits sur le monde et vous permettra de retourner tout couverts de gloire, au lointain pays que vous avez volontairement quitté pour vous faire les ardents défenseurs du droit et de la Justice. Notre pensée vous suivra par-delà les Océans et, soyez-en persuadés, Messieurs, toujours nous nous souviendrons de votre séjour parmi nous, toujours nous garderons l'agréable souvenir de votre grande bonté.

Vive l'Australie !!  
Vive sa vaillante et glorieuse Armée !!

Gaston Nassaut. Fernand Vanderest. Gaston Burniat. Roger Pochet

Henri Botin. Fernand Degodenne. Joseph Lovet. Jules Paquet.

Edouard-Feraille. Jules Paquet. Fernand Boussaint Louis Paquet

Franz Stephenne. Joseph Cat. Désiré Martinot. Arsène Degodenne.

Joseph Paquet. Félix Cat. Gustave-Poncelet Maurice Vose.

Gustave Watrice.

Anthée, le 31 Janvier 1919.

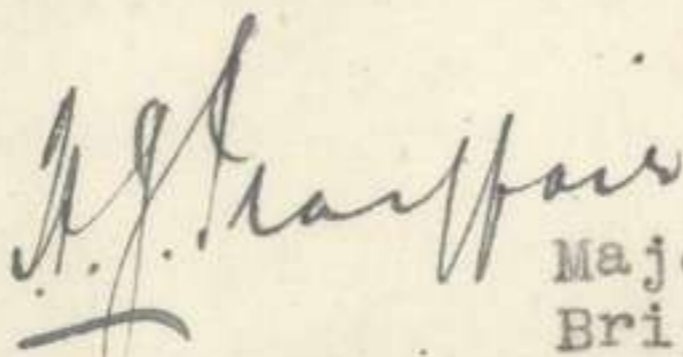
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Commune D'ANTHEE.

To the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery,  
Chateau Fontaine,  
A N T H E E.

The Administration of the Commune of ANTHEE is deeply touched by the delicate attention which you have shewn in regard to the offer of the magnificent AUSTRALIAN and BELGIAN Flags to the Girls' School as a souvenir of the handsome fete given by our Liberators on the first day of the New Year to the Children of this village ; we thank you most heartily. It will be for us a longtime souvenir of our union.

Allow us to persuade you brave soldiers that while the noble banner of your immortal army continues to float, it will remind us of your valient exploits.

Assuring you, Gentlemen, of our eternal gratitude.

For the Burgomaster.

ANTHEE.  
30/1/'19.

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COPY.Belgian Mission,  
att. 4th D.H.Q..

26/2/1918.

To the Staff Captain,  
4th Aust. Div. Arty..  
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Herewith please find on return letter from the Girls' School of ANTHER, with the translation you asked for.

We beg to inform you that at your request we forwarded messages of thanks to the Burgomaster of ANTHER, FLAVION, BIESMEREE and AGIMONT.

(Signed) R. PIRMY.

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TRANSLATION.

To our dear and kind friends of AUSTRALIA :-

Gentlemen,

Lately a new feeling is born and has grown in our childish hearts, a feeling of true friendship joined with a deep gratitude for the AUSTRALIAN Army whose arrival we greeted with enthusiasm indeed, but also, we admit it frankly with a certain curiosity.

"Who were these men coming from a country so far away?" we were saying. You arrived and you were like us, or rather better than us, because you don't know the selfishness of our old civilisation; you do good for the pleasure of seeing others happy and make us love you, and we tell it you quite simply; you did succeed. The charming feast you organised on the 1st Jan. has shown too well the qualities of your hearts for that ours could be insensible to it.

Under the hard German rule our mothers were only able to procure us bread - often not enough and always black and very dry. The treat you secured us has been as a sunbeam in our childish hearts. You learned the youngest that in life there would be for them something else as dry bread: thus you opened our young hearts to the hope of a better future.

Thanks for the very little ones, also thanks for us. The toys you distributed will be kept as relics; in twenty years we will show to the young generations the gift which was given us in 1919 by the AUSTRALIAN troops billeted in our houses.

And if we were tempted to forget you, two very eloquent voices are here which would speak of you to the

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children who will succeed us on the school benches. The splendid colours of AUSTRALIA and BELGIUM floating above our heads would say us incessantly "These two nations were formerly related by trade. The war made them brothers in the real meaning of the word. Are they not in the future united by the bands of blood ?. Did not the sons of the noble AUSTRALIA come freely to defend the Belgian soil and to fall side by side with our soldiers ?".

Gentlemen, you gained our gratitude by too many rights that we could never forget you; our hearts are pressed at the thought that every day passing shortens your stay among us.

However, we will not be selfish. We know that in your nice country, numerous are the loving hearts which are praying God to give you an early return.

We will join our prayers to theirs and as children of Catholic Belgium, we will ask the Almighty to bless always our dear Australians and to render their country already so rich, more and more prosperous.

The Australians and their dear country for ever !!!.

The Children of the Girls' School and ANTHEE near DINANT, province of NAMUR, BELGIUM.

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(Signed by 30 girls and the Soeur Modeste).

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TRANSLATION

To the Officers and Soldiers of the 4th Australian  
Divisional Artillery.

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Sirs,

The young boys of the Villages of ANTHER and  
MIAVOYE beg the Officers and soldiers of the 4th Aust.  
Divisional Artillery of the valiant Australian Army,  
billeted in these Villages to accept their lively thanks  
for their great kindness to us and particularly for the  
touching feast they organised at their intention on  
NEW YEAR'S DAY.

After having trembled during more than four  
years at the sight of the grey uniforms, how sweet it is  
specially for us the little ones and the most timid,  
to feel beat, at last, under the uniform of the soldier  
friend, a generous heart in unison with our hearts.

How great was our pleasure to be able to  
sit among you at the table upon which a delicate attention  
accumulated such a lot of exquisite sweets, from which  
we were deprived for such a long time.

The name of your beautiful country AUSTRALIA  
will always raise in our memory the remembrance of his  
good and valiant soldiers, who did come from so far  
and through so many perils, to co-operate in such an  
efficacious manner at the deliverance of our dear  
Country and whose first care it was on arriving in our  
Country which suffered so much, to employ themselves  
to make forget to the little ones their numerous and  
long privations, by a real touching generosity.

Soon, the so desired peace will spread at  
last its favours on the world, and will allow you to  
return, covered with glory, to the distant country which  
you did leave voluntarily, to be the eager defenders of  
Right and Justice. Our thoughts will follow you on the  
other side of the oceans and you may be sure, Sirs, that  
always we will remember your stay amongst us, always  
we shall keep the pleasing remembrance of your great  
goodness.

Australia for ever !!.

His valiant and glorious Army for ever. !!

(Signed) by 21 boys of the Boys' School ANTHER.)

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Brigadier-General W.L.H.  
BURGESS, C.M.G., D.S.O.,  
4th Aust. Div..

9/1/1919.

Sir,

All the people and especially the children are sending their best thoughts to the Officers and men of the Headquarters and Batteries of the 10th and 11th Australian Field Artillery Brigades for their kind gifts and presents on the occasion of 'XMAS and NEW YEAR DAY.

The generosity of the Officers and men was so great that they don't know how to express their gratitude.

Father XMAS - who was an Officer - had the greatest success amongst the little ones especially.

Everyone in the different communes where those Batteries are billeted, send to you and each of them - and especially the promoters of that joyful feast - their most deep and heartfelt thanks.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) R. PIRNEY, O.C.,  
Belgian Mission,

attached Headquarters, 4th Aust. Division.

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