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| POMMIERS | Dec 29 th to Jan 31 st Jan 9 th Jan 11 th Jan 18 th Jan 22 nd Jan 28 th | | <p>In Operations see daily operation reports attached.</p> <p>4th Aus Div relieved 1st Aus Div in the line.</p> <p>24th AFA Bde relieved the 3rd AFA Bde 1st Aus Div in the line</p> <p>11th AFA Bde relieved the 2nd AFA Bde 1st Aus Div in the line</p> <p>Reorganisation into 6 gun Batteries was completed.</p> <p>The 24th AFA Bde was absorbed by 10th & 11th AFA Bde</p> <p>And the 12th AFA Bde became an "Army" Brigade.</p> <p>Various moves were necessitated, which finally resolved itself into the 12th AFA Bde being withdrawn to refit & reorganise</p> <p>12th AFA Bde withdrawn as above</p> | <p>4A/DA Order 54 Order 55 Order 56 Order 57 Amendment 218 ANZAC GS Circular No 24. Order 58</p> |

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| | | | <p>During the period under review, weather conditions were extremely severe from Jan 16th to the end of the month, there being a constant hard frost. 22° being registered at one time.</p> <p>The following casualties occurred between Dec 29th & Jan 31st inclusive.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Officers Killed</td> <td>OR</td> <td>Killed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>nil</td> <td></td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Officers Wounded</td> <td>OR</td> <td>Wounded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>nil</td> <td></td> <td>14</td> </tr> </table> <p>At the end of the period the position of units in the Div area was as follows.</p> <p>In the line 10th & 11th Bdes A & A, former Nos 1 & 2 Groups B Div area X 4 A T M Battery</p> <p>CM Major Major RA Dole Major RA 4 Aus DA.</p> | Officers Killed | OR | Killed | nil | | 13 | Officers Wounded | OR | Wounded | nil | | 14 | |
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SECRET.LEFT GROUP 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

1st January 1917.

OPERATION REPORT.6 p.m. 31/12/16 to 6 p.m. 1/1/17.OBSERVATION.

Sad.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Enemy's activity decidedly less than the previous two days.

In reply to our fire at 11.1. p.m. he put a few rounds on our communication trenches.

Battery positions in W.30.C. were only lightly shelled to-day.

During the morning a few rounds 77 and 4.2 were fired about BULL'S Head and NEEDLE Trench.

About 20 rounds 4.2 from the direction of SPAULLEN-COURT fell in W.32.C.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

At 11.1 p.m. there was a two minute bombardment of enemy's Support and Reserve lines. Otherwise usual barrage work.

ENEMY'S
WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.



Major.

Sde. Major. Left Group 1st Anzac Art.

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LEFT GROUP 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

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HEADQUARTERS.

2nd January 1917.

OPERATION REPORT.6 p.m. 1/1/17 to 6 p.m. 2/1/17.OBSERVATION.

Good during morning, but poor in afternoon owing to mist.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

8.30 p.m. About 20 rounds 5.9 at M.30 D.O.O.
 There was intermittent shelling of Battery position in M.30.C. during the night.
 During the day the enemy was very active on tracks and communications. About 10 rounds 8 inch fell about the road in S.12.B.
 POSSUM RESERVE was shelled by 5.9 from the direction of BEAULENCOURT.
 DELVILLE and HIGH WOOD were shelled by 5.9 and 4.2.
 There was intermittent shelling of FLERS and GUEUDECOURT.

OUR ACTIVITY.

A working party at N.15.B.9.4 was dispersed by our fire.
 Usual barrage work.

ENEMY WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

Small working party seen at N.21.A.3.6 where some new earth is visible.
 Early this morning a small party of Germans was seen behind SKEW Trench at a true bearing of 25°30' from S.5. B.1.1.
 An O.P. is suspected.

Charles Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group 1st Anzac Art

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HEADQUARTERS.

3rd January 1917.

OPERATION REPORT.

6 p.m. 2-1-17 to 6 p.m. 3-1-17.

OBSERVATION.

Bad owing to mist.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Generally below normal.
Battery positions in M.30.C. shelled with 5.9 during the night.
There was some shelling of S.12.A.8.5 during early part of the night.
2.30 p.m. several rounds 77 fell in M.32. and on duck board tracks.
Intermittent shelling of GUEUDEECOURT and FLERS.
4.30 p.m. there was fairly heavy shelling of N.21.C.5.0 with 4.2 and 77.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

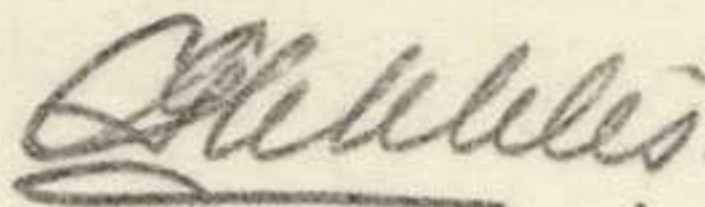
Working party in N.9.A. was dispersed.
Suspected O.P. in N.14.A. and suspected Headquarters in N.8.C. were engaged.
Otherwise usual barrages.

ENEMY
WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

Motor lorries were seen on the BAPAUME - BEAULENCOURT road at 1 p.m.



Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group. 1st Anzac Art.

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LEFT GROUP 1st. ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

4th January 1917.

OPERATION REPORT.

6 p.m. 3/1/17 to 6 p.m. 4/1/17.

OBSERVATION.

Poor owing to mist.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

GUEUDECOURT and FLERS were fairly heavily shelled during the day. Battery positions in M.30.C. were shelled with 5.9 from the direction of LIGNY THILLOY during the afternoon. The areas N.31, N.32 and T.7.A. were shelled by 77 from the direction of BEAULENCOURT and 5.9 from the direction of LE TRANSLOY. Dump and light railway in S.12MB. were shelled by 4.2 and 5.9 from the direction of BEAULENCOURT.

OUR ACTIVITY.

About 11 p.m. a large working party was reported at N.21.A.3.5 and was dispersed by our fire; they returned and were again ~~dispersed~~ dispersed, and this area was shelled at intervals throughout the night. Otherwise usual barrage work.

ENEMY WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

GENERAL.

Flashes of hostile guns were observed at the following bearings -

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| From N.27.C.3.4 | 48° | 77. |
| " N.32.C.8.5 | 25° | |

G. H. H. H. Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group 1st Anzac Art.

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LEFT GROUP - 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

4th January 1917.

ORDER No. 13.

1. A concentrated bombardment by all howitzers and heavy guns available (except 12") will be carried out on the front of the Left Division on Friday 5th January 1917.
2. The bombardment will commence at 2 p.m. and will last for one hour.
3. The main objectives of the Heavy Artillery are STORMY - LUISEN Trench and BARLEY Trench.
4. The action of the Left Group 1st Anzac Artillery will be as follows -

(a). 4.5" Howitzers.

| | | |
|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 103rd Battery | - | Road N.21.B.6.7 to N.15.D.7.6. |
| 102nd Battery | - | O.P. at N.21.A.5.8. |
| 110th Battery | - | Strong point at N.20.B.3.8. |

and any other targets that Group Commanders desire to engage.

(b). 18- Pounders.

One Battery from No. 3. Group on BAYONET Trench from N. 20.A.7.4 to N.20.A.50.75. Remainder of the 18-Pdr batteries of Nos.1,2 and 3 Groups are at the disposal of Group Commanders. Nos. 1 & 2 Groups within their own Normal Barrage zones and No.3. Group within the normal barrage zone of Nos. 3 & 4 Groups. The action of the Heavy Artillery must be watched and Group Commanders will engage any moving targets and places where the enemy are likely to takeover from the heavy bombardment.

NOTE:- No. 4. Group will not fire.

5. Every endeavour must be made to get observation of fire.
6. The ammunition allotted for this task is, for each Group 300 A. 900 AX. and 480 BX.

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7. Watches will be synchronised from Div. Artillery Headquarters at 12/30 p.m.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.



Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group. 1st Anzac Art.

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LEFT GROUP 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

4th January 1917.

AMENDMENT TO ORDER No. .13

1. Para 3. Delete "BARLEY Trench".
and insert "BAYONET Trench from
N.13.D.6.3 to N.20.A.3.9 and the trenches
running from BAYONET Trench to
LUISEN Trench at N.20.A.3.9."
2. Para 4. Cancel sub-para (a) and
substitute-
(a) 4.5" Howitzers.
103rd Battery - Trench N.20.A.3.9 to N.14.C.4.3.
110th Battery - Cutting and road N.13.D.55.30
to N.13.D.60.65.
102nd Battery - Cutting and road N.13.D.60.65
to and including LUISENHOF
FARM.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

C. G. L. L. L. Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group. 1st Anzac Art.

Issued to all recipients of Order No. 13.

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SECRET.LEFT GROUP 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

5th January 1917.

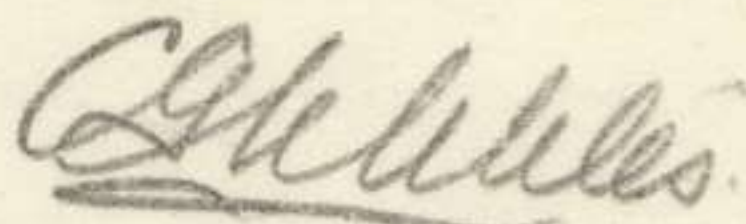
OPERATION REPORT.

6 p.m. 4-1-17 to 6pm 5-1-17.
-----OBSERVATION. Good.ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

Battery positions in M.30.C. shelled intermittently with 5.9 throughout the night and morning. During the morning S.12.C. was shelled with 77. Battery positions in T.7.A. shelled occasionally with 5.9. N.26.D. and N.27.C. received a few rounds. 5.9. A few 77 and 4.2 fell near battery positions in S.12.A. The enemy's reply to our bombardment at 2 p.m. was very light.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

During the night area N.21.A. was specially kept under fire to stop working parties. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. a special bombardment was carried out in conjunction with the Heavy Artillery on enemy's front and support line and approaches.

ENEMY WORKS. N I L.MOVEMENT. N I L.


Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group 1st Anzac Art.

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LEFT GROUP 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

6th January 1917.

OPERATION REPORT.

6 p.m. 5-1-17 to 6 p.m. 6-1-17.

OBSERVATION.

Good in morning but poor in afternoon.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

M. 30.C. and M.36.B. were intermittently shelled during the night and day.
10.30 a.m. N.33. A. & B. were shelled by 4.2 and 77.
11.30 a.m. M.30.D.0.0 was shelled by High Velocity gun at true bearing of 93° from M.30.D.15.00.
Area S.6.C. - S.12A. was shelled with 4.2 and 77.
FLERS and GUNDEDECOURT were intermittently shelled with 5.9 and a few 8".
S.12.B. was shelled by a heavy gun sound bearing 357 degrees true from N.32.D.75.45.
The flash of a 5.9 that was shelling FLERS was observed at a true bearing of 47° from M.36.B.90.35.

OUR- ACTIVITY

During the night area N.21.A. was kept under fire but no work was attempted there by the Germans.
Usual barrage work.

ENEMY WORKS

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

G. H. H. H. H. Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group. 1st Anzac Art.

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LEFT GROUP 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS

7th January 1917.

OPERATION REPORT.

6 p.m. 6/1/17 to 6 p.m. 7/1/17.

OBSERVATION.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY

Bad owing to mist.

Battery positions in M.30.C. were shelled during the night with 5.9.

GUEUDECOURT intermittently shelled throughout the day.

A few rounds 77 and 5.9 fell in S.12.B.

NEEDLE Trench and BULLS Road were shelled intermittently.

OUR
ACTIVITY.

Two 18.Pdr. Batteries co-operated with the Heavy Artillery in a bombardment of suspected Regimental Head-quarters at N.15.D.05.75. Reported effective shrapnel bursts.

Otherwise usual barrage work.

ENEMY
WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

N I L.

[Signature] Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group 1st Anzac Art.

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LEFT GROUP 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

8th January 1917.

OPERATION REPORT.

6 p.m. 7/1/17 to 6 p.m. 8/1/17.

OBSERVATION.

Very fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY.

FLERS was shelled fairly heavily during the day with
5.9 and 4.2.

S.12.A.&.B. were shelled during the morning with
77 and 4.2.

There was occasional shelling of DELVILLE WOOD and
WATERLOT FARM,

3 p.m. About 100 rounds 77 fell in N.32.D.

OUR

Usual barrage work.

ACTIVITY.ENEMY WORKS.

N I L.

MOVEMENT.

A good deal of movement seen near BAPAUME about
the BAPAUME- BEAULENCOURT road.

W. H. Hales Major.

Bde. Major. Left Group 1st Anzac Art.

SECRETORDER No. 54.HEADQUARTERS,
8th January, 1917.

1. The 10th A.F.A. Brigade, now in the Line, will be relieved by the 24th A.F.A. Brigade: and the No. 2 Section, D.A.C., will be relieved by No. 3 Section, D.A.C.

Relief to be completed and command of No. 3 Group will pass to Lieut-Colonel W.C.N. WAITE M.C., by noon 12th instant.

The relief of the 10th A.F.A. Brigade may be carried out in daylight, but proper precautions must be observed regarding 38th Battery.

2. On relief the 10th A.F.A. Brigade will march to training area NAOURS for School of Instruction and training.
3. All moves to be in accordance with attached march table.
4. Units moving up to and from Line will proceed with wagons empty. Arrangements are being made for ammunition to be dumped at NAOURS by Corps Park.

This ammunition will be left at NAOURS, each Unit taking it on charge as they may be at Training Area. Any ammunition in 10th A.F.A. Brigade vehicles to be handed over to 24th A.F.A. Brigade on its arrival.

5. The Guns, gun-limbers, and stores belonging to them will be parked at suitable places under the orders of Commandant, 4th A.D.A. School of Instruction, and the 24th A.F.A. Brigade will detail a Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 9 men to look after these guns until taken over by 10th A.F.A. Brigade.

This guard will be moved in "busses" on 15th instant to rejoin its Unit. Further instructions on this point will be issued.

The Commandant, 4th A.D.A. Training School will take over the guns and limbers of 24th A.F.A. Brigade, and give receipt to battery commanders concerned, obtaining a receipt from battery commanders taking over.

6. The Sections of 4th A., D.A.C. will move complete.
7. Reference attached March Table. Lieut-Colonel G. STEVENSON, M.C., will command column composed of Units of 1st Aus. Divisional Artillery, and of 24th A.F.A. Brigade, and No. 3 Section 4th Aus. D.A.C., for the march from Training Area to wagon lines.

Major A.H.K. JOPP, D.S.O., 1st Aus. Div. Artillery, will command the column composed of 1st Aus. Div. Artillery Units and of 10th A.F.A. Brigade and No. 2 Section 4th Aus D.A.C.

These Column Commanders will issue their own orders for the march. Intervals of 200 yards between brigades and a 100 yards between batteries will be observed.

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8. An advance party - consisting of 1 Officer and 2 telephonists - from headquarters, and battery commanders and 2 telephonists from each battery of 24th A.F.A. Brigade will proceed to batteries they are relieving, on 10th instant. Busses to convey this party will be at Church NAOURS to pick up personnel of 4th A.D.A., at 9.30 a.m. on 10th instant. Busses will take this party to E 11 Central from whence they will be transported to Line by horses, to be supplied by 10th A.F.A. Brigade.
9. Separate instructions will be issued re Supplies and Quartering.
10. Units will ensure that the areas vacated by them are in a satisfactory sanitary condition. O
11. On nights 10/11 and 11/12 the batteries of 12th A.F.A. Brigade, and the 18 Pdr batteries of 11th A.F.A. Brigade will change over by Sections.

The headquarters of 11th and 12th brigades will not change.

Major T. WILLIAMS, 10th A.F.A. Brigade, will assume command of No. 4 Group at noon on 12th instant, if Lieut-Colonel F.A. HUGHES, D.S.O., has not returned from hospital by that date.

All necessary details of this change to be mutually arranged by O's C. Nos 3 and 4 Groups.

Change to be completed by 8 p.m. on night 11/12th instant.

12. Captain G.R. TURNER, 24th A.F.A. Brigade, will remain as instructor at 4th A.D.A. Training School.
13. All trench stores will be handed over by leaving Units, either at NAOURS or in the Line, and receipts obtained. All maps used in fighting guns will be handed over by 10th A.F.A. Brigade to 24th A.F.A. Brigade. O's C. Nos 3 and 4 Groups will mutually arrange about transfer of maps between 11th and 12th A.F.A. Brigades.
14. An officer from each battery will be detailed to prepare lists for each gun, showing deficiencies in stores and equipment thereon and will hand same to battery commanders taking over. These lists to show the number and date of indent on which these stores have been indented for - if such has been done.
15. Five G.S. Wagons of "B" Echelon, D.A.C., now with No. 3 Section, D.A.C. will be available for use by 24th A.F.A. Brigade on the move.
Five other wagons from "B" Echelon, 4th D.A.C., will be detailed to accompany 10th A.F.A. Brigade, and remain attached to No. 3 Section.
16. O.C., 10th A.F.A. Brigade will make arrangements for guides to meet 24th A.F.A. Brigade at Cross Roads MAMETZ (F 5 9 8.2) at 11.30 a.m., on the 11th instant

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SECRET.HEADQUARTERS,
8th January, 1917.REFERENCE ORDER No. 54.

Refilling points for supplies will be as follows:-

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| 10th January, 1917. - | 24th A.F.A. Brigade. No. 3 Section, D.A.C. | -) BUIRE Artillery) Staging Camp. |
| 11th January, 1917. - | 24th A.F.A. Brigade. No. 3 Section, D.A.C. | - Wagon Lines.) BUIRE Artillery) Staging Camp. |
| 13th January, 1917. - | 10th A.F.A. Brigade. No. 2 Section, D.A.C. |) FRANVILLERS. |
| 14th January, 1917. - | 10th A.F.A. Brigade. No. 2 Section, D.A.C. |) "T" Area NAOURS. |

Supply Officer, 14th Company, A.S.C., to make the necessary arrangements for issue to Units at Refilling points, 10th and 13th instants.



Captain,

STAFF CAPTAIN

4th Aus. Divisional Artillery.Issued to:-

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ORDER No. 55.

HEADQUARTERS,
10th January, 1917.

REFERENCE ORDER No. 54.

1. The moves of the 10th and 12th A.F.A. Brigade, and 2nd Section Aus. D.A.C., are cancelled.
2. The 24th A.F.A. Brigade will relieve the 3rd A.F.A. Brigade, 1st Aus. Division, on the 11th instant and night 11/12th, relief to be completed by 8 p.m., 11th instant.

18 Pdr Batteries are affiliated for relief as under:-

40th to 7th.
44th to 8th.
48th to 9th.

3. O.C., 24th A.F.A. Brigade has already been given the positions of batteries.
4. Guides have been arranged for, to meet the advance parties at E 11 Central, on the 10th instant.
5. 3rd A.F.A. Brigade will find guides to meet the batteries at Cross Roads, MAMETZ, on the 11th instant, to guide batteries to wagon lines.
6. 24th A.F.A. Brigade will hand over to the 3rd A.F.A. Brigade, all guns and h witzers - with the following stores:- Dial sights and carrier Telescope sights, Sight clinometers, and cases for same.

The question of the eight 18 Pdrs and one H witzer, now with the I.C.M., or D.A.C., will be arranged between the Staff Captains, 1st and 4th Aus. Div. Artillery.
7. The 3rd A.F.A. Brigade will hand over to 24th A.F.A. Brigade, all guns in position, equipped as above and will receive a similar number of guns.
8. Brigade Commanders can arrange if desired to exchange any stores other than those mentioned above.
9. Ammunition. - All ammunition with the 3rd A.F.A. Brigade, at their positions will be taken over by the 24th A.F.A. Brigade, and copies of receipts rendered to this office by evening D.R.L.S., on the 11th.
10. All aeroplane photos, and 1/10,000 and 1/20,000 French Maps will be taken over, also secret maps and defence schemes, copies of receipts for latter items to be sent to this office on the 11th instant.
11. The 11th A.F.A. Brigade will at once commence to withdraw its guns to wagon lines.
12. Ammunition. - 11th A.F.A. Brigade. All ammunition will be left properly stored in the deep dug-outs in boxes, which will be drawn for this purpose from the dump. A careful check will be made of the ammunition thus left and it will finally be handed over to O.C., N. 3 Group. Time fuzes will be covered with rubber covers.
13. The 11th A.F.A. Brigade will relieve the 2nd A.F.A. Brigade under orders to be issued latter, but the relief will be completed on the evening of the 12th instant.
14. Command of the Group in which is the 3rd A.F.A. Brigade will devolve on Lieut-Colonel W.O.N. WAITE M.C., on completion of the relief, which will be reported to this office by wire.

15. No. 3 Section, D.A.C. will j in the remainder of the D.A.C., at LAURE.
16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Charters

Major, R.A.,
BRIGADE MAJOR,
4th Aus. Divisional Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP 1st ANZAC ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS.

9th January 1917.

OPERATION REPORT.

6 p.m. 8/1/17 to 6 p.m. 9/1/17.

OBSERVATION.

Bad owing to mist.

HOSTILE
ARTILLERY.

Enemy's artillery activity was rather above normal on the right of our sector. T.1.D. & T.2.A. were shelled with .77 m.m. GUEUDECOURT was shelled with 5.9's while the Duck-board Tracks and LES BOUEFS received considerable attention. Our Trenches at N.21.D.34 was fired into with "Pineapple" Bombs coming from approximately N.21.D.67. Our Battery positions at M.39.C. were shelled intermittently throughout the night and again from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. with 4.2's, doing some damage. On the Left of our sector enemy's artillery activity was below normal.

OUR
ACTION.

The usual barrage fire was kept up.

GENERAL.

A Hun was seen at N.21.B.30. He was thought to be observing for the Pineapple Bombs mentioned above. Our snipers were put on to him. Aerial activity nil.

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Major. R.A.

for Rec. Major. Left Group 1st Anzac Art.

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LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.OPERATION REPORT.

From 6 p.m., 9th to 3 p.m., 10th December, 1917.

OBSERVATION. Good at times, but generally poor in the afternoon.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

T 7 a was heavily shelled during the forenoon and afternoon with 5.9's.

N 32 c was also shelled with .77. Hostile shelling on S 12 b and T 2 a, also reported.

Our battery positions in M 30 c received less than usual attention at night, but at 10.50 a.m., a dozen 5.9's were fired on them. This shelling and also that on T 7 a seemed to be stopped by counter battery work. FLERS and GUEDECOURT were both shelled with 4.2's during the day.

OUR ACTION.

The usual day and night firing was maintained.

One 18 Pdr battery fired 64 rounds searching and sweeping N 15 c at 7 a.m.

Movement having been seen at N 14 b 82 at 11.40 a.m., effective fire was brought to bear on this point and no further motion was seen.

GENERAL.

At 8.45 p.m., on 9th a strong light was visible on the sky-line about LONGUEVAL DUMP for 20 seconds, possibly this was a motor lorry headlight.
aerial

Slight enemy activity in the morning. Enemy planes flying low over our reserve lines, etc.

During the afternoon an enemy fighting plane came down from a cloud, and machine-gunned our battery positions in T 7 a.

C. M. Bates

Major, R.A.,
BRIGADE-MAJOR,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.OPERATION REPORT.

January
From 8 p.m., 10th to 8 p.m., 11th December, 1917.

OBSERVATION. Very bad.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY.

Enemy's artillery was abnormally quiet during the period, especially during the day.

Our battery positions in M 30 c and d were heavily shelled with 5.9's during the night, and received a salvo of 4.2's at 10 a.m.

OUR ACTION.

In view of the Relief of the 5th Guard Grenadier Regiment on our left, the approaches leading to its Sector from the left of our zone at LIGNY THILLOY were heavily shrapnelled, between 7 and 11 p.m. 500 rounds being expended.

Work reported in progress about M 20 b 29 at 7 a.m., and 2.20 p.m., by a special infantry patrol, was successfully dealt with by a burst of fire on the said point.

Otherwise the normal firing was carried out.

C.M. Mate

Major, R.A.,
 BRIGADE-MAJOR,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC Artillery.

LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.OBSERVATION REPORT.From 6 p.m. 11th to 6 p.m., 12th January, 1917.OBSERVATION.

Good between squalls.

HOSTILE ACTION.

Below normal.

FLERS was especially marked out for attention.

Our battery positions in M 80 c were shelled intermittently at night, and slightly during the day.

The ground between GUEDECOURT and the front line was shelled during the day with all natures.

LONGUEVAL Dump was shelled with 5.9's at 8 p.m.

A working party at S 5 a 61 was caught by the enemy and casualties inflicted.

OUR ACTION.

Normal Barrage fire kept up.

M 20 b 29 Strong point was shelled at intervals during the night, work having been reported.

GENERAL.

Nil.

*W. H. Frost*Major, R.A.,
BRIGADE-MAJOR,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC Artillery.

LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC ARTILLARY.OPERATION REPORT.

From 6 p.m., 12th to 6 p.m., 13th January, 1917.

OBSERVATION. Bad, owing to mist.

HOSTILE ACTION. At 9.10 p.m., twelve 5.9 shells landed about the R.E. Dump at LONGUEVAL.

Generally the enemy's artillery was very quiet indeed.

He contented himself with shelling FLERS with 4.2's and the left of our Sector with 5.9's and .77 in retaliation for our bombardment at 12.40 p.m.

OUR ACTION. The 102nd Howitzer Battery co-operated with the Right Divisional Group during the bombardment at 12.40 p.m., firing 415 BX.

During the night two batteries were concentrated for short periods on the Strong Point at N 20 b 29.

The road junctions at N 15 b 77, N 15 c 9550, and sunken road at N 15 d, and other approaches to our Front, were systematically searched and swept.

LUISEN Trench, BARLEY Trench, and Tracks in N 14 a, all received their share.

GENERAL. Nil.

AERIAL
ACTIVITY. Nil.

J. H. G. G. G.

Major, R.A.,
BRIGADE MAJOR,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.OBSERVATION REPORT.From 6 p.m. 13th to 6 p.m. 14th January, 1917.

OBSERVATION. Peer, owing to fog.

HOSTILE ACTION. The enemy's artillery was again very quiet.

During the night there was occasional shelling by 8.9's on 111th Battery position, inflicting casualties, while men were vacating at work vacating position.

A few .77 fell in the vicinity of the 47th Battery, and one single 8.9 in the battery position at 10.5 p.m., which was a dud.

During the day the enemy's artillery was equally quiet.

There was again occasional shelling of 111th Howitzer Battery position.

GUEDECOURT was shelled with 8.9's at 3.5 p.m. to 3.41 p.m., the true sound bearing of the battery being 54°30' from T 8 a 18.

GUEDECOURT was also shelled with 4.2's during the day.

OUR ACTION. During the night, firing was carried out on the following, BARLEY Trench N 15 d 0085 to N 15 d 0095 in 3 bursts of fire from four 18 Pdr batteries.

N 20 b 2085, N 14 c 5085, N 14 b 80, N 14 c 8850, and N 18 a 38 were shelled by No.1 Group by two batteries of 18 Pdrs at various times. 800 A and AX being expended by the 18 Pdrs.

Our Howitzers shelled the Sunken Roads, N 13 b 74 to N 7 d 88, and BARLEY Trench N 8 c 0025 to N 8 c 80. 100 BX being expended.

The day being misty there was considerable activity on our part.

Howitzer batteries shelled N 15 d 48, and searched approaches firing 230 rounds.

Our 18 Pdrs shelled STORMY Trench, and strong points, BARLEY Trench Road at N 9 c 0085, firing 838 rounds. Total for the 24 hours was approximately :-

1800 - 18 Pdrs., and 380 - 4.5 Howitzer.

GENERAL. An airship thought to be a Zeppelin was seen by 5 observers at 2.40 p.m., apparently over THILLOY and flying towards BAPAUME.

Major, R.A.,
BRIGADE MAJOR, Left Group,
1st ANZAC Artillery.

BRIGADE MAJOR

Major, R.A.

SECRETLEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYOPERATION REPORTfor period 6 p.m., 14th - 6 p.m., 15th Jan. '17.OBSERVATION :- Poor owing to fog.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY :- The enemy's artillery were again unusually quiet!

Small series of about 4 to 20 rounds being sent to such places as FLERS (5.9), Battery positions M 30 c (5.9), CHEESE ROAD (4.2) and RIDGE about S 12 a 1 6 (4.2). LONGUEVAL CIRCUS (5.9) and the right of our Front Line Sector with 4.2's.

During the night a 4.2 gun or How. fired up the FLERS - LONGUEVAL Road as far back as DELVILLE WOOD from the direction of THILLOY.

OUR ACTION :- The usual barrage fire was maintained, and during the day engaged were tracks and approaches or trenches at N 8 c 3 2, N 14 b 7 2, N 7 d 9075, N 14 c 5 8, N 20 a 6085, N 20 a, N 15 d 4 8, supposed Battalion Headquarters at N 15 d 1575 and dug-outs at N 9 a 2 8.

GENERAL :- One hostile plane flew over S 5 a at 11 a.m. in a S.W. direction.

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Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY

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OPERATION REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 15th - 6 p.m., 16th January 1917.

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OBSERVATION :- Indifferent, being misty all day.

ENEMY'S ARTILLERY ACTION :- Again the enemy's Artillery was quieter than we are accustomed to. His response to our operation from 2.30 a.m. to 7 a.m. was confined to a few isolated salvos of .77 scattered promiscuously. During the day there ~~were~~ were merely isolated instances of small series on such places as FLERS, O.P.s on ridge and S 12 a, S 17 Central and FACTORY CORNER from 5.9's and 4.2's.

OUR ACTION :- In view of the relief of the 363rd Regiment, special arrangements were made with the Right Divisional Artillery to attend to this operation while they looked after the relief of the 361st Regiment.

From 2.30 a.m. to 7 a.m. all lines of approach and second line trenches within range within the 363rd Sector were engaged by the guns of the Left Group, approximate number of rounds fired being 2000 18-pr. and 900 4.5".

In addition to the above our No. 2 Group maintained its barrage fire up to 2 a.m..

During the day a working party at N 21 a 1 6 was dispersed and a T.M. position alleged to be at N 21 a 8 6 was shelled.

GENERAL :- No aerial activity.

Various sound bearings to hostile Batteries were sent on to the Counter-Battery Group.

At 5.17 p.m. the flash of a 5.9 ? gun firing towards FLERS was observed on a true bearing from T 1 a 1 8 of 16° 30'

C.M. Bates

Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIALDAILY OPERATION REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 16th - 6 p.m., 17th January 1917.OBSERVATION :- Indifferent. Snowing heavily all day.

ENEMY
ARTILLERY
ACTION :- Enemy's Artillery was unusually quiet throughout the day. Several series of 5 to 15 rounds ~~was~~ were sent to such places as GUEDECOURT, T 8 a 1 8, LUISENHOF, S 5 b 8 8, FLERS, M 3^c 5 0 with 5.9's, 4.2's and .77's.

OUR
ACTION :- The usual barrage fire was maintained, and during the day, roads, approaches and trenches were engaged at N 14 b 6 5, N 14 b 8 5, N 15 a 1 3, N 15 a 3 3, BARLEY TRENCH to N 14 b and N 15 c, N 21a 1 6.

GENERAL :- FLERS SWITCH TRENCH and GAP TRENCH ~~was~~ shelled with H.E. and shrapnel at 10.30 a.m..
At 11.45 a.m. GROFF GULLY was heavily shelled with 4.2's.

At 3.15 p.m. the enemy shelled GUEDECOURT with 4.2's which were located at a true bearing of 36° from T 8 a 1 8.

No aerial activity.

H. Jones
for
Major, R.A.,
Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIAL.DAILY OPERATION REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 17th - 6 p.m., 18th January 1917.
----- 5 -----OBSERVATION :- Bad. Snow falling all day.ENEMY
ARTILLERY
ACTION

:- The enemy's Artillery action was below normal.

FLERS Road and DECAUVILLE Railway were intermittently shelled with 4.2 s during the night. Some 15 to 20 rounds of 5.9 were ranged on to DECAUVILLE line at S 12 c and DELVILLE WOOD during the early morning.

FLARE AVENUE, CHEESE ROAD, GRASS LANE, SMOKE TRENCH and Area S 12 b were intermittently shelled during the day with H.E. and H.E. Shrapnel.

OUR
ACTION

:- The usual barrage fire was maintained during the day.

Intermittent fire was carried out on N 21 b 6 3 to N 21 b 3 8, Junction Road and Tramway at N 21 a with 4.5" Howitzers searching and sweeping roads and approaches in rear of enemy's lines.

GENERAL

:- FLERS was shelled at intervals during the day with 5.9's.

FLERS Road and vicinity of S 12 a were shelled at irregular intervals with 4.2's, located on a True Sound bearing of 50° from S 6 c 5 3.

AERIAL
ACTIVITY

:- Nil.

*J. L. Jones*Captain,
A/Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

APPENDIX

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

HEADQUARTERS,
11th January, 1917.

ORDER No. 56.

S E C R E T

RELIEF BY 11th A.F.A. BRIGADE, of 2nd A.F.A. BRIGADE.

1. The 11th A.F.A. Brigade will relieve the 2nd A.F.A. Brigade, by Sections, on the 16/17th and 17/18th. Relief to be completed by 10 a.m., 18th instant.
2. For relief purposes batteries will be affiliated as under:-
 - 41st to 4th at S 12 b 95.
 - 42nd to 5th at S 12 b 85.
 - 43rd to 6th at S 12 a 82.
 - 111th to 102nd at S 12 b 25.

Brigade headquarters will occupy brigade headquarters, now occupied by 1st Brigade A.F.A., at their wagon lines.
3. 11th A.F.A. Brigade will take over the Wagon Lines (S 22 b and 23 a) now occupied by the 1st A.F.A. Brigade, on the 13th instant.
4. The Tank Gun of 11th A.F.A. Brigade will be taken over and manned by the 46th Battery, which will hand over one gun in Liou, by the 17th instant, to the 4rd Battery.
5. All guns of the 11th A.F.A. Brigade will be handed over to the 2nd A.F.A. Brigade at their Wagon Lines, by Sections, before the night 17th/18th, with sights, and dial sights and sight clinometers, but without other stores, under arrangements to be made between brigade commanders concerned. The guns handed over will include one gun of the 43rd Battery, at the I.O.H.
6. Between now and the time of taking over, battery commanders of 11th A.F.A. Brigade will thoroughly reconnoitre their positions, O.P.'s, and country, with assistance from the 2nd A.F.A. Brigade, and ensure that by the night 17/18th all officers are acquainted with the above, and also that telephonists are acquainted with lines, etc.
7. All 1/10,000 and 1/20,000 trench maps, aeroplane photos - will be taken over from 2nd A.F.A. Brigade batteries.
8. Ammunition - All ammunition at gun-pits will be taken over as from noon, 17th instant, and receipts forwarded to this office through No. 1 Group.
9. Completion of relief to be reported ^{by} No. 1 Group to this office.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major, R.A.,
BRIGADE-MAJOR,
4th Aus. Div. Artillery.

LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERY.OPERATION REPORT.

From 6 p.m., 18th to 8 p.m., 19th January, 1917.

OBSERVATION. Poor to fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY
ACTIVITY.

During the night our Support and Front Lines were shelled with .77 and 4.2's, and the vicinity of S 17 b 04 was visited by a few 5.9's. MLERS also received a similar visitation. At about noon the HUN burst shrapnel high above S 12 b 68 without effect.

Between 3.30 p.m., and 4.56 p.m., 5.9's made N 20 b 95.75 N 20 b 8.1 and N 21 a 28 uncomfortable.

OUR ACTION.

On information from our infantry that an enemy relief was taking place, we bombarded STORMY Trench from N 21 a 58 to N 21 b 13 with 18-prs, and tracks and approaches were searched with EX 4.5 howitzers, with bursts of gun-fire between 10 p.m., and 12 midnight.

The usual barrage fire was maintained and registration verified.

AERIAL ACTIVITY. Nil.

M. C. D. Macle

Lieut-Colonel,
BRIGADE MAJOR,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC Artillery.

APPENDIX

LEFT GROUP FIRST ARZAC ARTILLERY.OPERATION REPORT.From 6 p.m., 19th to 6 p.m., 20th January, 1917.OBSERVATION.

Poor to fair.

ENEMY'S
ARTILLERY
ACTIVITY.

At 7.45 p.m., two 10 c.m. fell at S 11 d 5 O.

9 p.m., six 15 c.m. fell at S 11 a.

12 midnight four 15 cm. fell at S 11 d.

Between 2 a.m., and 4 a.m., ten .77 mm fell at S 12 c 50

PLESS and BULL'S ROAD received attention.

Our front line at S 20 d was shelled from direction of
BAPAUME - to which our counter-batteries replied
effectively.

A 4.2 was active on BOSSIA'S POST.

At 12.15 p.m., twenty-four 4.2's fell in the vicinity of
T 7 a 3 5.OUR ARTILLERY.During the night S 9., S 13., and S 14 were system-
atically shelled, and roads and approaches searched
by howitzers.PARLEY Trench was bombarded from S 14 b 3 6 to S 15 c 7 9
A machine gun emplacement at S 21 a 3 7 was engaged,
also new works at S 21 a 2 4. Howitzers searched from
S 15 d 38 to S 16 b 3 3.At 11 a.m., engaged STORMY Trench between S 21 a and
S 21 b.AIRIAL ACTIVITY.At 2 p.m., two hostile planes were flying low over our
lines.GENERAL.Observers report seeing a stationary light red light at
4.15 a.m., at about S 13 d Central.

Lieut-Colonel,
BRIGADE MAJOR,
Left Group, 1st ARZAC Artillery.

LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIAL.DAILY OPERATION REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 20th - 6 p.m., 21st January 1916.

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OBSERVATION :- Poor.HOSTILE
ARTILLERY

At 11.45 p.m., 77's were firing on S 12 c 0 5.
 :- At 2 p.m., 4.2 H.E. arrived at the same place.
 At 11.10 a.m. N 33 c was shelled by 4.2's
 from direction of BAPAUME.

At 1.40 p.m., LESBOUFS was shelled with .77's
 from direction of LE TRANSLOY.
 At 12.30 p.m. LONGUEVAL was shelled with
 4.2's.

Between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m., 5.9's fell on
 S 6 b and d from direction of BEAULENCOURT.

OUR
ACTION

:- During the night our 18-prs. treated N 9,
 N 14 and N 8 to a deal of excitement. The
 Howitzers contributed largely to the
 discomfort of those using the roads and
 tracks in the abovementioned squares.

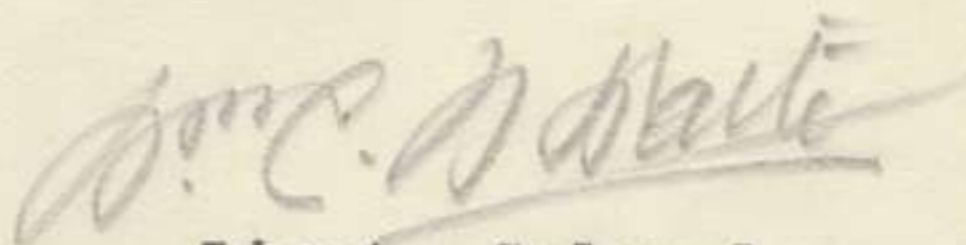
N 15 received the concentrated attention of
 one Group between 8.20 p.m. and 9.10 p.m..

During the early hours of the morning N 15
 was again disturbed. PORK TRENCH was also
 engaged and registration carried out.

N 8, N 14, N 15 and N 7 were engaged during the
 day.

AERIAL
ACTIVITY

:- At 11.15 a.m. a hostile 'plane flew low over
 our lines, and a British 'plane was twice
 seen patrolling the Sector.



Lieut. Colonel,
 A/Brigade-Major,
 Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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ORDER NO. 57

HEADQUARTERS,
21st January 1917.

1. Herewith is a copy of 1st ANZAC Corps Circular No. 44, dated 18th January 1917, regarding re-organisation of Divisional Artillery of the A.I.F.

Tables of establishments of D.A. Headquarters, Brigade Headquarters and 6-gun Battery have also been included.

Attached hereto are full detailed instructions for re-organisation of 4th Australian Divisional Artillery, in following schedules :-

- (A) Diagram showing present position of Batteries and Groupings.
 - (B) Details of preliminary moves of Batteries prior to re-organisation.
 - (C) Diagram showing position of Batteries and groupings after preliminary move.
 - (D) Details of evolution from 4-gun to 6-gun Batteries.
 - (E) Moves of Batteries after re-organisation is complete.
 - (F) Diagram showing position of Batteries and groupings after re-organisation is complete.
 - (G) Posting of Officers to 10th A.F.A. Brigade (NEW SOUTH WALES).
 - (H) Posting of Officers to 11th A.F.A. Brigade (QUEENSLAND).
 - (I) Posting of Officers to 12th A.F.A. Brigade (VICTORIA).
 - (J) Posting of Officers to Trench Mortar Batteries.
 - (K) Posting of Officers to Divisional Ammunition Column. (No. 1 Section - N.S.W., No. 2 Section - QUEENSLAND, No. 3 Section - VICTORIA).
2. The whole of the preliminary move in (E) is to be completed by 5 p.m. on Monday 22nd January.
3. Re-organisation (including posting of Officers) is to be completed by 5 p.m. on Thursday, 25th January, excepting perhaps details from 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery which may not have been made available by that date. Brigade Commanders will in such case, arrange for their re-organised personnel to man all 6 guns of Batteries, pending arrival of the 3rd Australian Divisional Artillery details.
4. Nominal Rolls and an inventory of all stores and equipment, will be prepared and handed to 10th and 11th A.F.A. Brigades by sections of Batteries of 24th A.F.A. Brigade to which they are affiliated, and similar rolls for 12th Battery to hand to Headquarters 12th A.F.A. Brigade.

Headquarters of 24th A.F.A. Brigade will be transferred to 11th A.F.A. Brigade.

Headquarters of 119th Battery will be transferred to 12th A.F.A. Brigade.

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ORDER NO. 57 Continued

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N.C.O's. of rank of Q.M.S. and above of present organisation, will be finally posted to Units after re-organisation is complete.
5. Batteries of 24th A.F.A. Brigade will not move from their present Wagon Lines till final orders are issued for move to new Divisional Artillery Wagon Lines at BOTTOM WOOD, near LALETZ.
6. Batteries as constituted and located after re-organisation, will take over all ammunition from pits adjoining them - which will be vacated, and correct returns rendered to D.A.H.Q. by 5 p.m. on the 25th instant.
7. Group boundaries, Barrage lines and Howitzer Barrage objectives are to remain as at present till further orders, Group Commanders making any redistribution of fire of Batteries that may be required, and D.A.H.Q. notified.

Acknowledge

A. C. M. White

Lieut. Colonel,
A/Brigade-major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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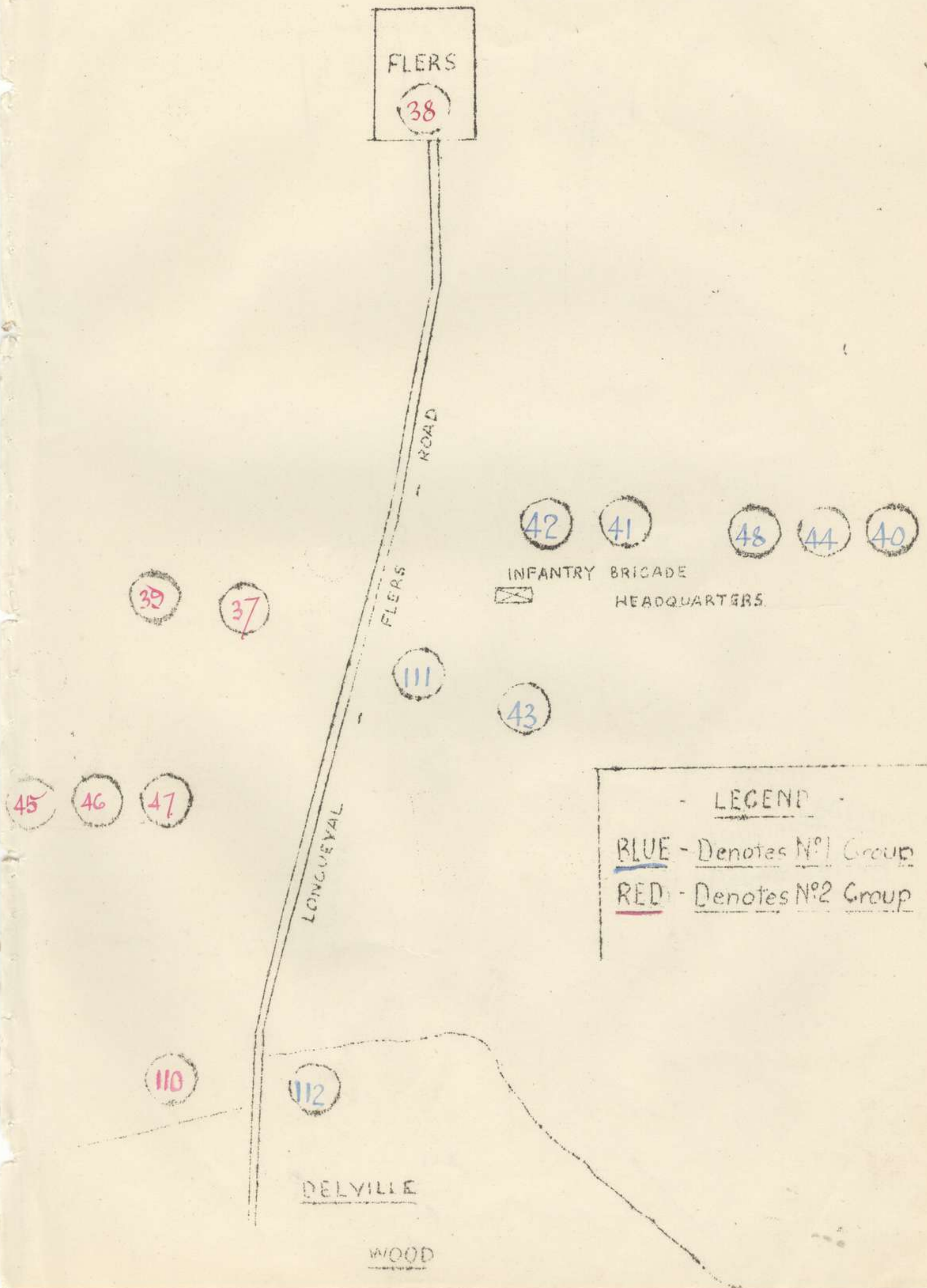
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DIAGRAM

showing present position of Batteries



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

HEADQUARTERS,
19th January 1917.

PRELIMINARY MOVES
PRIOR TO RE-ORGANISATION

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| | 37th Battery to change with 41st Battery. |
| 10th A.F.A. Bde. | 38th " " " " 46th " |
| (NEW SOUTH WALES) | 39th " to remain in present position. |
| | 110th " " change with 118th Battery. |
| | 41st Battery to change with 37th Battery. |
| 11th A.F.A. Bde. | 42nd " " remain in present position. |
| (QUEENSLAND) | 43rd " " change with 48th Battery. |
| | 111th " " remain in present position. |
| | 45th Battery to remain in present position. |
| 12th A.F.A. Bde. | 46th " to change with 38th Battery and take |
| (VICTORIA) | over two forward "Tank" gun positions. |
| | 47th Battery to remain in present position. |
| | 40th Battery to remain in present position. |
| 13th A.F.A. Bde. | 44th " " " " " " |
| (COMPOSITE) | 48th " to change with 43rd Battery. |
| | 112th " " " " 110th " |

Guns with sights will remain in present positions, and
be taken over by changing Batteries.

Batteries will keep their own stores.

No. 1 Group will consist of the following Batteries
pending re-organisation :-

42nd, 37th, 43rd, 44th, 40th, 48th, 111th, and 110th.

No. 2 Group will consist of the following Batteries
pending re-organisation :-

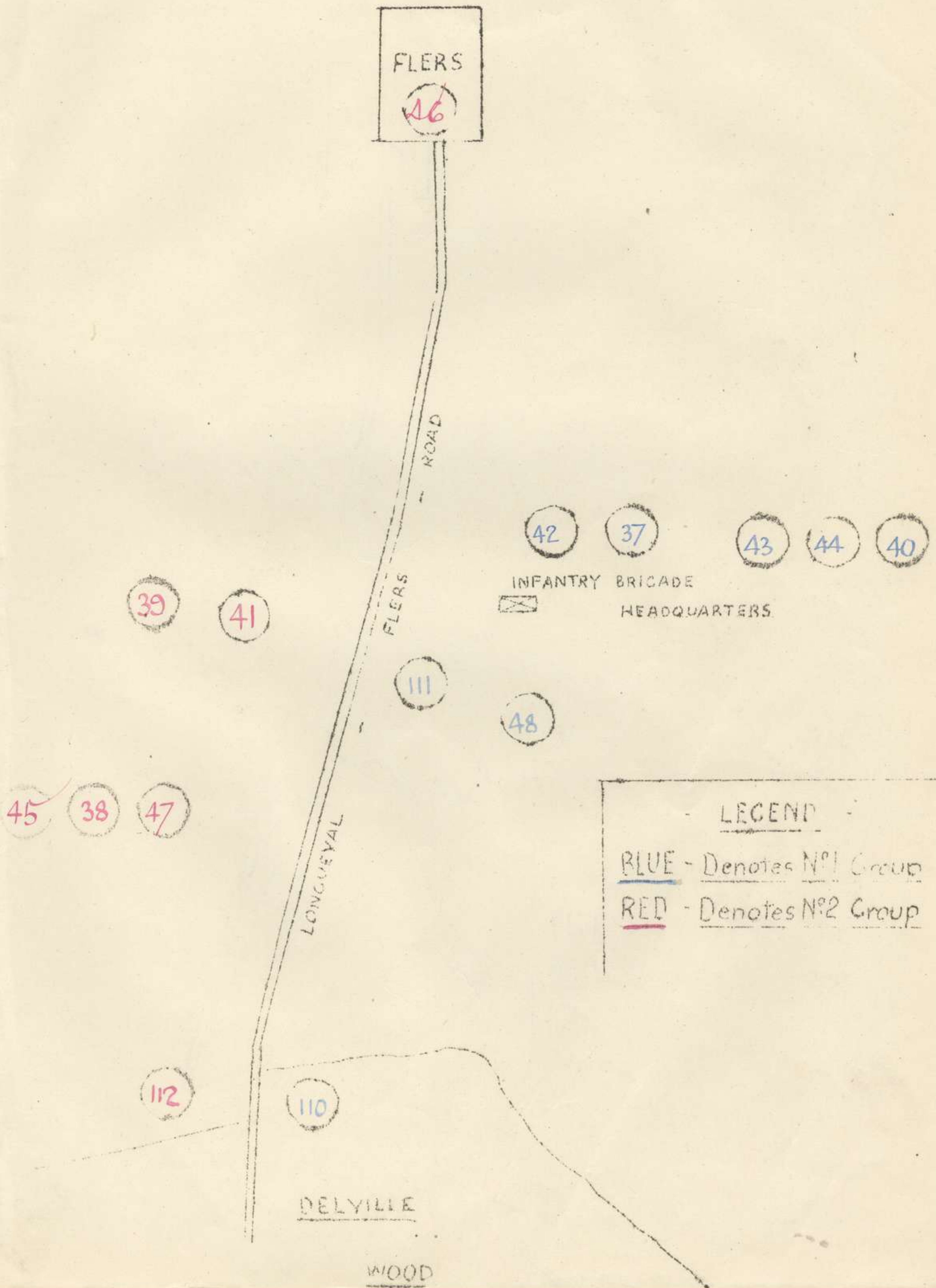
43rd, 41st, 39th, 45th, 38th, 47th, and 112th.

GROUP HEADQUARTERS will remain as at present.

James H. White
Lieut. Colonel,
A/Brigade-Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DIAGRAM

Showing position of Batteries
after preliminary move



SHOWING EVOLUTION FROM 4-GUN to 6-GUN BATTERIES.

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| <u>10th A.F.A. Brigade.</u> (NEW SOUTH WALES) | { 37th Battery | - | to absorb Right Section 40th Battery |
| | { 38th Battery | - | to absorb Left Section 40th Battery |
| | { 39th Battery | - | to absorb Right Section 44th Battery. |
| | 110th Battery | - | to absorb Right Section 119th Battery |

11th A.F.A. Brigade. (41st Battery - to absorb Left Section 44th Battery.
(QUEENSLAND) (42nd Battery - to absorb Right Section 48th Battery.
(43rd Battery - to absorb Left Section 48th Battery.
111th Battery - to absorb Left Section 119th Battery.

Headquarters of 24th A.F.A. Brigade will be absorbed by 11th A.F.A. Brigade.

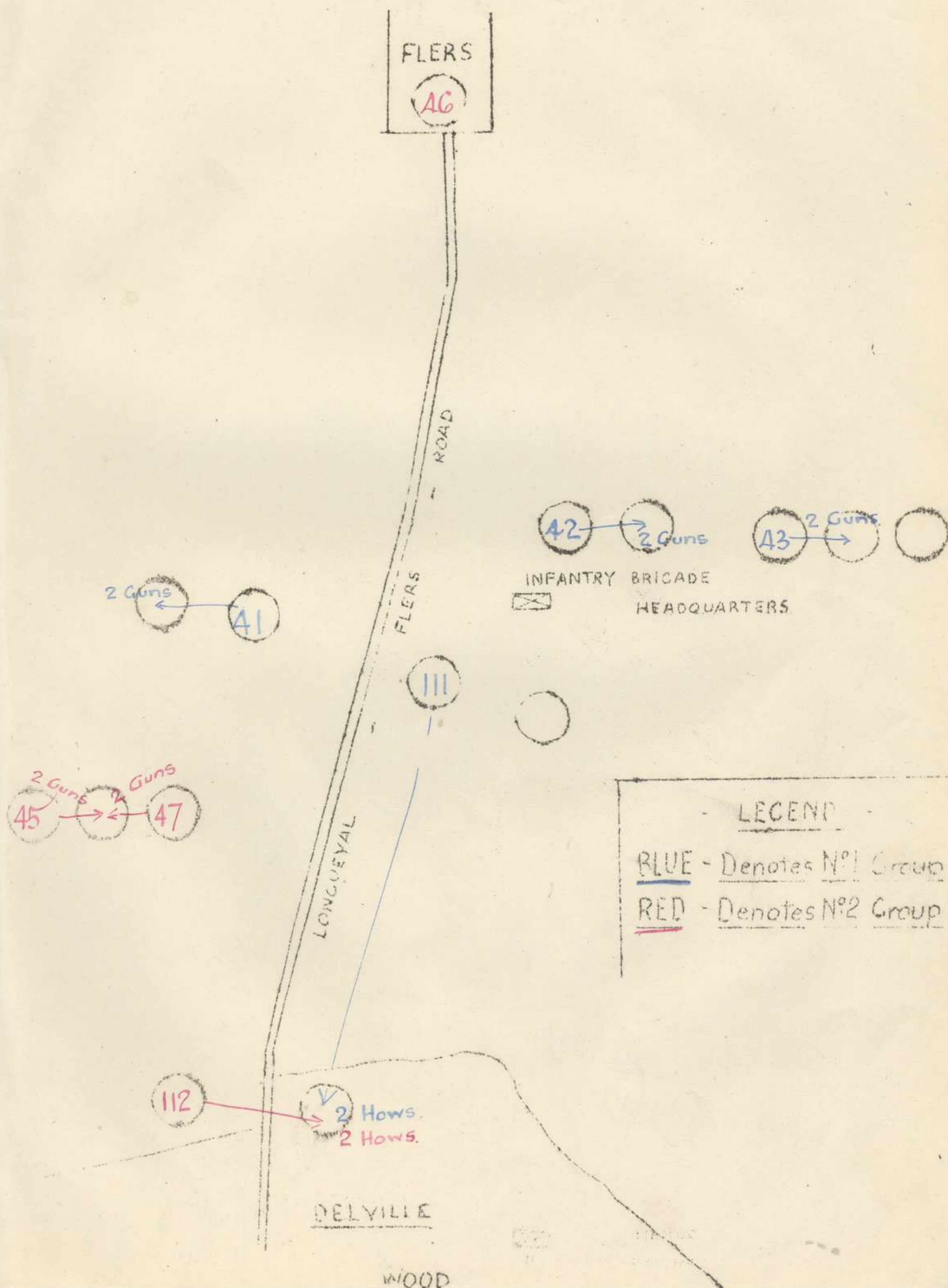
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| <u>12th (Army) Brigade</u> | 45th Battery | - | to absorb Right Section 33rd Battery. |
| <u>(VICTORIA)</u> | | | (3rd Aus. Div. Artv.) |
| | 46th Battery | - | to absorb Left Section 33rd Battery |
| | | | (3rd Aus. Div. Artv.) |
| | 47th Battery | - | to absorb Right Section 34th Battery |
| | | | (3rd Aus. Div. Artv.) |
| | 112th Battery | - | to absorb Right Section 118th Battery |
| | | | (3rd Aus. Div. Artv.) |

Headquarters of 119th Battery to be absorbed by 12th Brigade.

Sections on transfer will include all guns, vehicles, horses, harness, equipment, etc. carried on establishment.

DIAGRAM

Showing position of Batteries
after re-organisation is complete



SCHEDULE (C)POSTING OF OFFICERS TO 10TH BRIGADE

(NEW SOUTH WALES)

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| O.C. | -- | Lieut. Colonel G.H.M. KING, C.M.C. |
| Adjutant | -- | Lieut. BURKE C.E. |
| Orderly Off. | -- | " JOLLY W.C. |
| Medical Off. | -- | Captain PHILLIPS |
| Veter ^y Off. | -- | To be detailed. |

37th Battery

| | | | |
|--------|---------|----------|------|
| O.C. | Captain | CARLING | T.W. |
| (Capt) | Lieut. | WALKER | S.J. |
| | Lieut. | TAIT | E.F. |
| | " | ROWLANDS | G.J. |
| | " | CRAGO | F.C. |

38th Battery

| | | | |
|--------|---------|----------|------|
| O.C. | Captain | DE LOU | H.C. |
| (Capt) | Lieut. | MARTIN | A.F. |
| | Lieut. | O'REILLY | P.E. |
| | " | SAUL | E. |
| | " | PRICE | H.C. |

39th Battery

| | | | |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| O.C. | Major | WILLIAMS | T.I.C. |
| (Capt) | Captain | TURNER | C.R. |
| | Lieut. | PARKES | R.G. |
| | " | EDWARDS | R.H.A. |
| | 2/Lieut. | STUBBIN | C.J. |

110th Battery

| | | | |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| O.C. | Captain | EVANS | A.A. |
| (Capt) | Lieut. | GURD | H.J. |
| | Lieut. | HOGG | O.S.B. |
| | Lieut. | LILLYMAN | N.J. |
| | 2/Lieut. | LILLSLEY | C. |

ATTACHED TO BRIGADE PENDING FURTHER ORDERS

| | |
|----------|----------------|
| Lieut. | H.N. BOTT |
| Lieut. | W. GREENE |
| Lieut. | P.R. ISAAC |
| 2/Lieut. | W.H. FELSTEAD. |

SCHEDULE (H)POSTING OF OFFICERS TO 11TH BRIGADE

(QUEENSLAND)

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|---------------------------|--------|
| O.C. | --- | Lieut. Col. W.C.N. WAITE, | H.C.. |
| Adjutant | -- | Lieut. WAITE | A.C.R. |
| Orderly Off. | -- | Lieut. SANDERSON | W.L. |
| Medical Off. | -- | Capt. Mc LEMMAN | S. |
| Vet. Officer | -- | To be detailed. | |

~~41st~~ 41st Battery

| | | |
|--------|---------------------|--------|
| O.C. | Captain ROSS (H.C.) | P.J. |
| (Capt) | Lieut. KITTO | D.O.L. |
| | Lieut. WELLS | G.E. |
| | " BELLAMY | N.C. |
| | " DAVEY | H.S. |

42nd Battery

| | | |
|--------|-----------------|--------|
| O.C. | Captain HODGENS | S.F. |
| (Capt) | Lieut. COX | W.E. |
| | Lieut. EWAN | K. |
| | " KING | F.L. F |
| | " WHITTLE | J.A. |

43rd Battery

| | | |
|--------|-----------------|------|
| O.C. | Captain PYBUS | R.K. |
| (Capt) | Lieut. HALL | G.W. |
| | Lieut. SHALDERS | H.R. |
| | " THOMPSON | B. |
| | " CLARKE | E.J. |

111th Battery

| | | |
|--------|------------------|--------|
| O.C. | Major EDWARDS | P.M. |
| (Capt) | Captain SHEPPARD | E. |
| | Lieut. MACEL | H. |
| | " GRAY | D.A.F. |
| | " ASHER | J.H. |

ATTACHED TO BRIGADE PENDING FURTHER ORDERS.

| | | |
|--------|------------|------|
| Lieut. | SIMPER | H.J. |
| Lieut. | HOBSON | J.A. |
| Lieut. | WHITEHURST | A.S. |
| Lieut. | DE TUETY | H. |

SCHEDULE (I)POSTING OF OFFICERS TO 12TH BRIGADE
(VICTORIA).

O.C. --- Lieut. Col. R.L.R. RABETT, C.I.C..

Adjutant -- Lieut. KEYS B.I.

Orderly Off. -- " COLDFINCH C.H.

Medical Off. -- Capt. HAINES I.C.

Vet. Off. -- To be detailed.

45th Battery46th Battery

| | | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|------|----------------|----------------|--------|
| O.C. (Capt) | Captain ELLIS | J.R. | O.C. (Capt) | Captain 1c CAY | R.C. |
| | Captain COLLIER | E.A. | | Lieut. CARSE | F.S. |
| | Lieut. CALLINAN | L.H. | | Lieut. FLEMING | J.A. |
| | " SHARPE | E. | | " DARDELL | A.L. |
| | " LEWIS | L.F. | | " HAY | C.S.D. |

47th Battery112th Battery

| | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|----------|--------|
| O.C. (Capt) | Major | ROBERTS - | O.C. | Major | RICHARDS | E.V. |
| | | THOMPSON | | | | |
| | Capt. | HALLARD | (Capt) | Lieut. | COE | H.J.F. |
| | Lieut. | HICKS | | Lieut. | WILLISON | H.A. |
| | " | SMITH | | 2/" | MACRAE | S.A. |
| | " | ADAMS | | " | SCOTT | W.R. |
| | | | | | | |

ATTACHED TO BRIGADE PENDING FURTHER ORDERS

| | | |
|----------|-------------|------|
| 2/Lieut. | PEEL | C.E. |
| 2/Lieut. | HOCKENHULL | P.A. |
| 2/Lieut. | ROSS | B.J. |
| 2/Lieut. | DODDRELLADE | E.V. |

SCHEDULE (J)
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POSTING OF OFFICERS TO T. R. BATTERIES

D.T.R.O. -- Captain FOX S.J.

V 4 A (HEAVY T.M. BATTERY)

| | | |
|------|--------------------|------|
| O.C. | Captain SHERWOOD | C.A. |
| | Lieut. PINDER | V. |
| | 2/Lieut. DICKINSON | F. |

X 4 A (MEDIUM T.M. BATTERY)

| | | |
|------|-----------------|------|
| O.C. | Lieut. ANDERSON | A.W. |
| | 2/Lieut. EADES | A.B. |

Y 4 A (MEDIUM T.M. BATTERY)

| | | |
|------|------------------|------|
| O.C. | Lieut. HIRST | J.M. |
| | 2/Lieut. CHALMER | W. |

Z 4 A (MEDIUM T.M. BATTERY)

| | | |
|------|-------------------|------|
| O.C. | Lieut. 1c PHILSON | W.H. |
| | 2/Lieut. LATTIE | E.J. |

SCHEDULE (K)
=====

POSTING OF OFFICERS TO D. A. C.

O.C. -- Lieut. Col. VERNON H.V.
Adjutant -- Lieut. LINDSELL F.W.
Med. Off. -- Major BOURKE
Vet. Off. -- To be detailed.

"A" ECHELON

No. 1 SECTION (NEW SOUTH WALES)

O.C. (Capt) Lieut. SUTTON E.S.
Lieut. Mc KEOWN H.C.
Lieut. KING E.C.
2/Lieut. CRAMP C.R.

No. 2 SECTION (QUEENSLAND)

O.C. (Capt) Lieut. COPLEY H.J.
Lieut. MORRIS J. McL.
Lieut. RUNDLE B.
Lieut. JACKSON J.H.C.

"B" ECHELON

No. 3 (ARMY) SECTION (VICTORIA)

O.C. (Capt) Lieut. LEVY F.
Lieut. LEE G.
Lieut. SMITH S.J.
Lieut. NEEDS W.T.

ATTACHED TO D. A. C. PENDING FURTHER ORDERS

Lieut. HARLOCH H.F.
Lieut. CROCKER A.W.
2/Lieut. HOOD W.F.

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Headquarters,
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First ANZAC. Corps,
18th January 1917.

GENERAL STAFF CIRCULAR NO. 44

SUBJECT :- Artillery Re-organisation.

PRINCIPLE :- 1. The Field Artillery of the A.I.F. will in future be divided into two categories -

- (i) Divisional Artillery, which will be an integral part of the Division: and
- (ii) Army Field Artillery Brigades, which will be available for allotment to Armies, by Armies to Corps, and by Corps to Division, as the situation demands.

DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY :-

2. (i) The Divisional Artillery will consist of 36 18-pr. guns and 12 4.5" Howitzers, organised as:-

Two Brigades of (3 6-gun 18-pr. Batteries
1 6-gun 4.5" How. Battery) each, and
A Divisional Ammunition Column.

ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADES :-

(ii) Army Field Artillery Brigades will, in the A.I.F., comprise three Brigades composed of -

- (3 6-gun 18-pr. Batteries
1 6-gun 4.5" How. Battery

each. Each Brigade will have an Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column.

ESTABLISHMENTS :-

3. (i) The establishments of Divisional Artillery Headquarters and Divisional Artillery Brigades will be as laid down in War Establishments, Part VII - General - 1916.

No change will be made in the establishment of Headquarters of Divisional Ammunition Columns. "A" Echelon of Divisional Ammunition Columns will be re-constituted, and will be formed into two Sections. The establishment of these Sections, together with certain reductions in the "E" Echelon, are shown in Appendix I.

(ii) The establishment of Army Field Artillery Brigades will be identical with that of Divisional Field Artillery Brigades.

The establishment of an Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column is shown in Appendix II. The Ammunition Column will form an integral part of Army Field Artillery Brigades, but may be attached to Divisional Ammunition Columns when required.

SUB-PARKS :-

4. For the present no change will take place in the organisation or establishment of Sub-Parks.

METHOD OF /

METHOD OF
EFFECTING
RE-ORGANISATION

A.I.F. 5. (i) The above re-organisation will, within the A.I.F., be effected on the following principles :-

- (a) The latest formed Units will be broken up to complete older Units to the new establishment. (The 3rd Australian Division will, however, retain two Brigades which were specially organised for it in AUSTRALIA).
 - (b) The re-organisation will be made within Divisions as far as possible.
 - (c) The Army Field Artillery Brigades will be formed in and be attached to First AMZAC. Corps.
- (ii) The attached table (Appendix III) and diagram (Appendix IV) show -
- (a) The allotment to form Divisional Artillery Units, showing the numbering of Brigades and Batteries.
 - (b) The Brigades and Batteries to be broken up to complete the Divisional Artillery to new establishment.
 - (c) The allotment of Units to form Army Field Artillery Brigades, and the numbering of these Brigades and Batteries.

One Army field Artillery Brigade (3rd A.F.A. Brigade) will be formed by the 1st Australian Division; another (6th A.F.A. Brigade) will be formed by the 2nd Australian Division; and the third (12th A.F.A. Brigade) will be formed by the 4th Australian Division. The Units necessary to complete the 12th A.F.A. Brigade, i.e.,

33rd F.A. Battery,
One Section, 34th A.F.A. Battery, and
One Section, 118th Howitzer Battery,

will be drawn from the 3rd Australian Division by arrangements to be made by Corps Headquarters. Transfers between Divisions as shown in the table and diagram will otherwise be made by direct arrangement between Divisions. Arrangements will be made by the Corps for obtaining the Sections of the Howitzer Batteries from IMCLAND required to complete to the new establishment.

Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Columns will be formed from surplus personnel as follows :-

3rd A.F.A. Bde. - from 1st Aus. Div. and 3rd Aus. Div.
6th A.F.A. Bde. - from 2nd Aus. Div.
12th A.F.A. Bde. - from 4th Aus. Div. and 5th Aus. Div.

DISPOSAL OF/

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DISPOSAL OF
PERSONNEL
BECOMING
SPARE
UNDER RE-
ORGANISATION

Personnel becoming spare under this re-organisation

will be disposed as follows :-

6. (i) Officers will be retained for the present with their Divisions. Lists of such Officers will be sent direct to A.A.G., A.I.F., by whom instructions regarding disposal will be issued.
- (ii) W.O.s, M.C.O.s and men available after completion of establishment will be transferred to Army Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Columns. W.O.s and M.C.O.s for whom there is no provision on the establishment will retain their present ranks pending absorption.

DISPOSAL OF
SURPLUS
HORSES
MATERIAL
AND
EQUIPMENT

7. Separate instructions will be issued by "Q" of Corps regarding the disposal of surplus horses, material, and equipment.

Sgd/ E.H. OSBORNE, Captain,
for Brigadier-General,
General-Staff,
First ANZAC. Corps.

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PART VII.

HEADQUARTERS OF DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY - WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel and Horses.

| DETAIL | Personnel | | | | Horses etc. | | | | | |
|--|-----------|------|-------------|-------|-------------|---------|------------|-------|----------|------------|
| | Officers | N.O. | Rank & File | TOTAL | Riding | Draught | H. Draught | Total | Bicycles | Motor-car. |
| Commander (Brigadier-General). | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | | 1 |
| STAFF. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brigade-Major | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| Staff-Captain | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| PERSONAL APPOINT. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aide-de-camp to Commander | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | | |
| ATTACHED | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trench Mortar Officer | 1 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | 1 | |
| Clerk | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Clerks (a) | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Orderlies | | | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | 3 | | |
| Signallers & telephonists | | | 4(b) | 4 | 4 | | | 4 | | |
| Cook | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | |
| Batmen | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Drivers, A.S.C. (mechanical transport) | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Drivers A.S.C. (train transport) | | | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 4 | | |
| Total Headquarters | 5 | 1 | 20 | 26 | 16 | | | 16 | 4(c) | 1 |

- (a) 1 Warrant Officer, Class 1 and 1 lance-corporal.
 (b) Includes horse-holder.
 (c) Includes bicycles for inter-communication.

War Office, (S.D. 2).
 18th September 1916.

FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADES

Composition in detail

(i) Personnel and Horses.

| Detail | Personnel | | | | | | Horses | | | | Remarks |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------------|-----------|--|
| | Officers | Officers Staff Serjts & Serjts. | Artificers | Trumpeter | Rank & File | Total | Riding | Draught | Heavy Draught | Total | |
| A Field Artillery Brigade Headquarters. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lieut.-Colonel | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | (a) Comprising telephone detachment - 1 (mounted) H.C.O., 2 gunners, 2 drivers for telephone wagon; also 7 signallers, 3 orderlies (2 of whom are trained Signallers) and 4 horse-holders. |
| Adjutant | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | |
| Orderly Officer | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | |
| Sergeant-Major | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Fitter (Staff-Sergeant) | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | (b) Attached to A.C.'s. Office at the Base. |
| Corporals | | | | | 2 | (a) 19 | | | | | |
| Bombardiers | | | | | 2 | | | | | | |
| Gunners | | | | | 6 | | 15 | 4 | | 19 | |
| Drivers | | | | | 9 | | | | | | |
| Driver for vehicle | | | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | (c) 2 men (one an acting bombardier) trained to the duties are placed under the orders of the Medical Officer. The gunner drives the cart for medical equipment. |
| Clerk | | 1(b) | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Orderlies for Medical Officer (c) | | | | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | | 3 | |
| Batmen | | | | | 7 | 7 | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 30 | 35 | 23 | 7 | | 30 | |
| ATTACHED - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| R.A.M.C. (includes personnel for water duties) | 1 | | | | (d) 5 | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | (d) Includes a Cornoral |
| Veterinary Officer | 1 | | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | 2 | |
| Serjts. A.V.C. (e) | | 4 | | | | 4 | 4 | | | 4 | (e) 1 for each Battery. Reduce this number when less than 4 Btys. in a Brigade. |
| Armament Artificer A.O.C. | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| Drivers, A.S.C. (train transport) | | | | | 4 | 4 | | | 8 | 8 | |
| Total Headquarters (including attached) | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 35 | 46 | 28 | 7 | | 35 | |

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APPENDIX

FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADES (Continued)

Composition in Detail

PERSONNEL & HORSES

| Detail | Personnel | | | | | | | Horses | | | | Remarks |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|----------|-------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|---|
| | Offics. | W.O.s | Serjts | Artif. | Trumptrs | Rank & File | Total | Riding | Draught | H. Dght | Total | |
| <u>A 6-CUM 18-pr. BATTERY</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | (f) Includes ^a Corporal. |
| Major | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | |
| Captain | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | (g) Includes 2 look-out men and 21 A.C.O.s and men trained as signallers. |
| Subalterns | 3 | 1 | | | | | 3 | 6 | | | 6 | |
| Battery Sergt.-Major | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Battery quartermaster-Sgt. | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Sergeants | | | 7 | | | | 7 | 7 | | | 7 | |
| Barrier-Sergeant | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | (h) Allotted as follows :- |
| Shoeing Smiths | | | | 4 | | | 4 | 1 | | | 1 | Ground Scouts .. 2 |
| Saddlers | | | | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | Orderly .. 1 |
| Fitters or Wheelers | | | | 2 | | | 2 | | | | | Battery Commander's |
| Trumpeters | | | | | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | signallers .. 3(j) |
| Corporals | | | | | | 7 | 7 | | | | | Range-takers .. 3(j) |
| Bombardiers | | | | | | 11 | 11 | | | | | Battery Leader's |
| Gunnery | | | | | | 75 | 75 | | | | | Signallers .. 3(j) |
| (for vehicles | | | | | | 56 | 56 | | | | | Patrol .. 3(j) |
| Drivers (for spare horses | | | | | | 9 | 9 | 6 | 11 | | 18 | Coverers .. 6 |
| (spare | | | | | | 6 | 6 | | 12 | | | <u>Total</u> .. <u>21</u> |
| Butmen | | | | | | 10 | 10 | | | | | |
| Total Battery(k) | 5 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 174 | 199 | 50 (1) | 123 | | 173 | (j) Includes horse-holders |
| Drivers A.S.C. (Train Transport) | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | 4 | 4 | (k) 2 men per Bty. are trained in sanitary duties. |

APPENDIX I

DIVISIONAL ALL-UNITION COLUMN

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

| DETAIL | PERSONNEL | | | | | HORSES | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| | Officers | P. Officers | S. Sgts & Sgt. | Artificers | Rank & File | Total | Riding | Draught | H. Draught |
| Nos. 1 and 2 Sections Each | | | | | | | | | |
| Captain | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Subalterns | 3 | | | | | 3 | 3 | | |
| Battery Sgr-Major ... | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Battery Qr-Mr. Sgt. | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Sergeants | | | 5 | | | 5 | 5 | | |
| Carrier Sergeant | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | |
| Shoeing Smiths | | | | f. 6 | | 6 | 6 | | |
| Saddlers | | | | 3 | | 3 | | | |
| Fitters or Wheelers ... | | | | g. 2 | | 2 | | | |
| Corporals | | | | | 5 | 5 | 5 | | |
| Bombardiers | | | | | 6 | 6 | 3 | | |
| Gunners | | | | | 50 | 50 | 1 | | |
| Drivers {for vehicles | | | | | 114 | 114 | | 228 | |
| {spare draught | | | | | 11 | 11 | | 22 | |
| {spare | | | | | 5 | 5 | | | |
| Batmen | | | | | 4 | 4 | | | |
| Drivers, A.S.C. | | | | | | | | | |
| Train Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 4 | 1 | 6 | 12 | 195 | 218 | 22 | 250 | 272 |

NOTE :- The above establishment included 8 acting Bombardiers.

(f) Includes 1 Corporal.

(g) One of the 6 saddlers and one of the four fitters or wheelers will be Corporals.

APPENDIX I (Continued)

(ii) Transport

"A" Echelon

1st and 2nd Sections.

| | Vehicles | Drivers | Draught Horses | Hy. Draught Horses. |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Bicycles | 6 | | | |
| Wagons { technical stores | 2 | 6 | 12 | |
| G.S. { S.A.A. ... | 18 | 54 | 108 | |
| for { Grenades ... | 3 | 9 | 18 | |
| Wagons, ammuni- (18-pdr. | 36 | 108 | 216 | |
| tion, with { 4.5" | 12 | 36 | 72 | |
| limbers, for | | | | |
| Wagons, limbered, G.S. | 15 | 15 | 30 | |
| for S.A.A. ... | | | | |
| Drivers { for spare | - | 22 | 44 | |
| { horses | | | | |
| { spare ... | - | 10 | | |
| Train - | | | | |
| Wagons, G.S. for | | | | |
| baggage, stores | | | | |
| and supplies. | | | | |
| TOTAL | 92 | 260 | 500 | |

N.B. In addition, withdraw from "B" Echelon Divisional Ammunition Column :-

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| 18-pr. G.S. Wagons | 3 |
| Drivers | 9 |
| Horses | 18 |
| 4.5" G.S. Wagons | 4 |
| Drivers | 12 |
| Horses | 24 |
| Gunners | 9 |

APPENDIX I (Continued)

(ii) Transport

"A" Echelon

1st and 2nd Sections.

| | Vehicles | Drivers | Draught Horses | Hy. Draught Horses. |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Bicycles | 6 | | | |
| Wagons { technical stores | 2 | 6 | 12 | |
| G.S. { S.A.A. . . . | 18 | 54 | 108 | |
| for { Grenades . . . | 3 | 9 | 18 | |
| Wagons, ammuni- { 18-pdr. | 36 | 108 | 216 | |
| tion, with { 4.5" | 12 | 36 | 72 | |
| limbers, for | | | | |
| Wagons, limbered, G.S. | 15 | 15 | 30 | |
| for S.A.A. | | | | |
| Drivers { for spare | - | 22 | 44 | |
| horses | | | | |
| spare | - | 10 | - | |
| <u>Wagons, G.S. for</u> | | | | |
| <u>baggage, stores</u> | | | | |
| <u>and supplies.</u> | | | | |
| TOTAL | 92 | 260 | 500 | |

N.B. In addition, withdraw from "B" Echelon Divisional Ammunition Column :-

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| 18-pr. G.S. Wagons | 3 |
| Drivers | 9 |
| Horses | 18 |
| 4.5" G.S. Wagons | 4 |
| Drivers | 12 |
| Horses | 24 |
| Gunnery | 9 |

APPENDIX II

ARMY FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADES - WAR ESTABLISHMENT - AMMUNITION COLUMN

| | PERSONNEL | | | | | | HORSES | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|--------|-------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| | Oftrs. | V.C.s | Sgts. etc. | Artif. | Rank & File | Total | Riding | Draught | E. Dgt. | Total |
| Captain | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Subalterns | 3 | | | | | 3 | 3 | | | 3 |
| Battery Srgt. Major | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Battery Qr. Mr. Sgt. | | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Sergeants | | | 4 | | | 4 | 4 | | | 4 |
| Warrior Sergeant | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Shoeing Smiths | | | | (a) 5 | | 5 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Saddlers | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | |
| Fitters or Wheelers | | | | (b) 2 | | 2 | | | | |
| Corporals | | | | | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | 5 |
| Bombardiers | | | | | 6 | 6 | 3 | | | 3 |
| Gunnery | | | | | 35 | 35 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Drivers { for vehicles | | | | | 106 | 106 | | 212 | | 212 |
| " spare | | | | | | | | | | |
| horses | | | | | 10 | 10 | | 20 | | 20 |
| spare | | | | | 5 | 5 | | | | |
| Patron | | | | | 4 | 4 | | | | |
| Drivers, A.S.C. (Train Transport) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 4 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 171 | 191 | 21 | 232 | | 253 |

NOTE. The above establishment includes 7 acting Bombardiers.

(ii) Transport.

| | Vehicles | Drivers | Draught Horses. |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Bicycles | 1 | - | - |
| Carts, water | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Wagons, amm. { 18-pr. | 18 | 54 | 108 |
| with limber { 4.5" | 6 | 18 | 36 |
| Wagons (technical stores) | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| QMSL { 18-pr. | 4 | 12 | 24 |
| for { 4.5-inch | 6 | 18 | 36 |
| Drivers { for spare horses | - | 10 | 20 |
| { spare | - | 5 | - |
| Train | | | |
| TOTAL | 37 | 121 | 232 |

(a) includes 1 Corporal.

(b) of the two saddlers and two fitters or wheelers, 1 is to be a Corporal.

(G.S. Circ. 44)

ARTILLERY RE-ORGANISATION (Appendix III)

| 1st Aust.Div.Arty. | | | 2nd Aust.Div.Arty. | | | 3rd Aust.Div.Arty. | | | 4th Aust.Div.Arty. | | | 5th Aust.Div.Arty. | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Batteries | | | Batteries | | | Batteries | | | Batteries | | | Batteries | | |
| Bde. | Existing | To be broken up | Bde. | Existing | To be broken up | Bde. | Existing | To be broken up | Bde. | Existing | To be broken up | Bde. | Existing | To be broken up |
| Divisional Artillery. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 18p. | plus 22 | 4 | 10 18p. | plus 19 | 7 | 25 18p. | plus 28 | 10 | 37 18p. | plus 40 | 13 | 49 18p. | plus 52 |
| | 2 " | 22 | | 11 " | 19 | | 26 " | 28 | | 38 " | 40 | | 50 " | 52 |
| | 3 " | 23 | | 12 " | 20 | | 27 " | 32 | | 39 " | 44 | | 51 " | 53 |
| | 101 How. | 116 | | 104 How. | 117 | | 107 How. | 109 | | 110 How. | 119 | | 113 How. | 120 |
| 2 | 4 18p. | plus 23 | 5 | 13 18p. | plus 20 | 8 | 29 18p. | plus 32 | 11 | 41 18p. | plus 44 | 14 | 55 18p. | plus 53 |
| | 5 " | 24 | | 14 " | 21 | | 30 " | 36 | | 42 " | 48 | | 53 " | 59 |
| | 6 " | 24 | | 15 " | 21 | | 31 " | 36 | | 43 " | 48 | | 54 " | 60 |
| | 102 How. | 116 | | 105 How. | 117 | | 108 How. | 109 | | 111 How. | 119 | | 114 How. | 120 |
| Army Field Artillery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 7 18p. | plus 57 | 6 | 16 18p. | plus 58 | | | | 12 | 45 18p. | plus 33 | | | |
| | 8 " | 57 | | 17 " | 59 | | | | | 46 " | 33 | | | |
| | 9 " | 58 | | 18 " | 59 | | | | | 47 " | 34 | | | |
| | 103 How. | 115 | | 106 How. | 115 | | | | | 112 How. | 118 | | | |

SPARE - In ENGLAND - 35th Bty. (18-pdr.; 4-gun:
Half 34th Bty. (18-pdr. ; 4-gun):

In FRANCE - Half 118th How. Bty. (4-gun)

APPENDIX

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERYAMENDMENT TO ORDER NO 57HEADQUARTERS,
23rd January 1917.

Owing to orders having been received, after preliminary move of Batteries was completed, that 12th (Army) Brigade, is to be first relieved from the line, instead of 10th Brigade - as previously ordered - it becomes necessary to issue a fresh table for move of Batteries after re-organisation.

Schedules attached hereto are to be substituted for Schedules (E) and (F) of 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Order No. 57 of 21st January.

The 12th (Army) Brigade - less 112th Battery - will withdraw to wagon lines immediately upon relief and will move on the 28th instant to FRECHINGOURT.

Further orders will be issued later.

Acknowledged

Arthur E. Wade
Lieut. Colonel,
A/Brigade Major,
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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SCHEDULE (E)

MOVES OF BATTERIES AFTER RE-ORGANISATION IS COMPLETE10th BRIGADE
(N.S.W.)

- 37th Battery - To take over 45th Battery position and two guns and pits from 38th position.
- 38th Battery - To take over 46th Battery position and one gun from 39th Battery. This Battery will provide two forward guns.
- ^{39th}
39th Battery - To take over 47th Battery position bringing one of its own guns with it and taking over one gun and two pits from 38th Battery position.
- 40th Battery - To change with 112th Battery and remain temporarily as a 4 How. Battery.

11th BRIGADE
(QUEENSLAND)

- 41st Battery - To remain in present position and take over 2 guns and pits from position vacated by 39th Battery.
- 42nd Battery - To remain in present position and take over 2 guns and pits from position vacated by 37th Battery.
- 43rd Battery - To remain in present position and take over 2 guns and pits from 44th Battery position. This Battery will provide one forward gun.
- 44th Battery - To remain in present position, temporarily as a 4 How. Battery.

12th (ARMY)
BRIGADE.
(VICTORIA)

- 45th Battery -)
- 46th Battery -) To withdraw to Wagon Lines.
- 47th Battery -)
- 112th Battery - To change with 110th Battery and remain as a 4 How. Battery pending further orders.

GUNS AND SIGHTS WILL NOT BE CHANGED OVER WITH PERSONNEL.

SCHEDULE (E) Continued

The following guns with all stores, etc. will be handed over to 12th Brigade in the line, O.C. 12th Brigade to arrange for withdrawal:-

2 guns from vacated position of 37th Battery.
 2 guns from 44th Battery position.
 4 guns from 40th Battery position.
 4 guns from 48th Battery position.

In all - 12 18-prs.

When re-organisation is complete, the following will be the Groups :-

No. 1 Group -- 11th Brigade and 112th Battery.
 No. 2 Group -- 10th Brigade.

POSTING OF OFFICERS

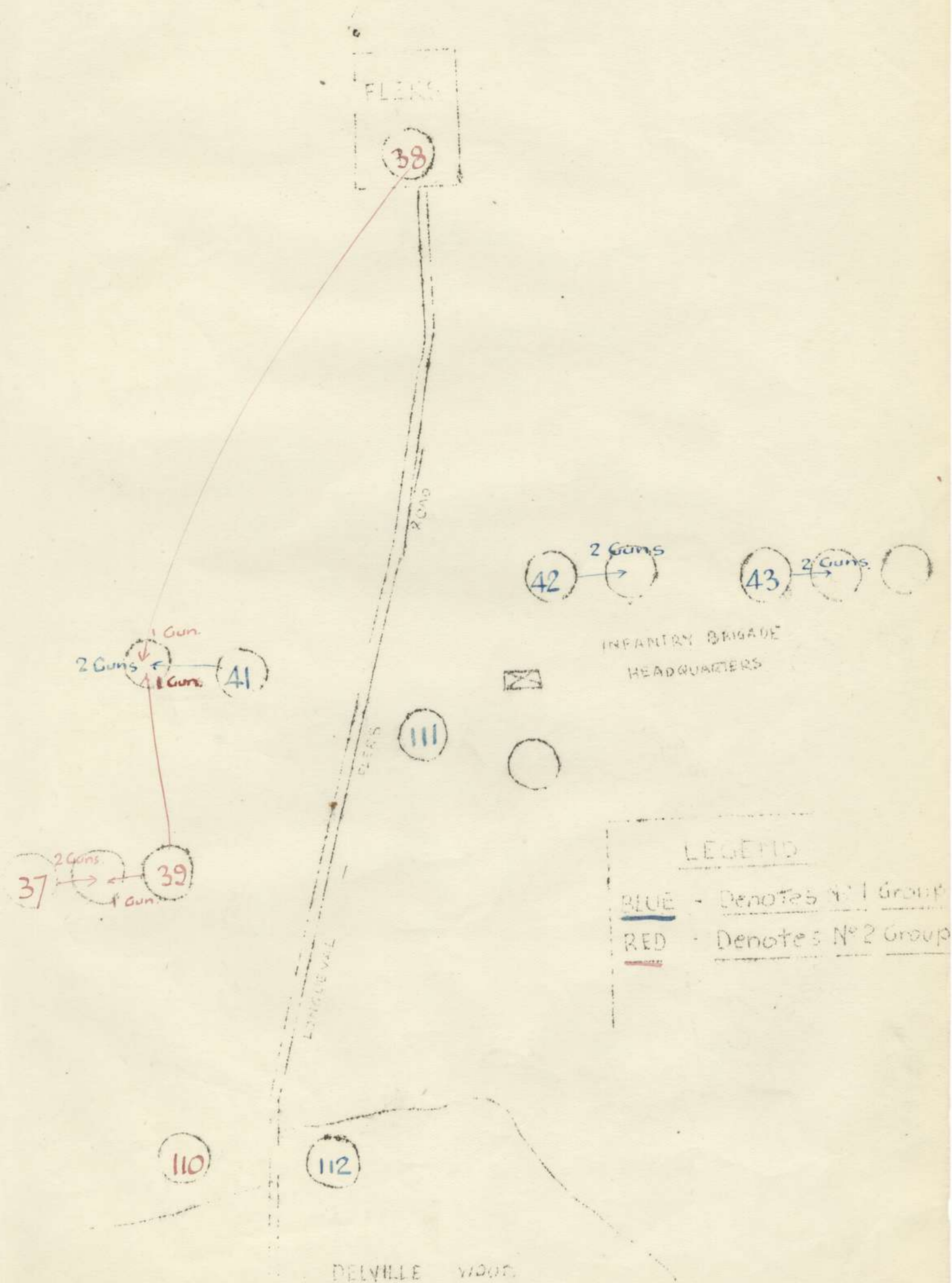
The following additions and corrections are to be made to detail of posting :-

Captain H.R. HALLARD to 47th Battery.
 Lieut. H.J.F. COE " 112th Battery.

VETERINARY OFFICERS

Captain SEELENMEYER C.R. to 10th Brigade.
 " RIDLEY " 11th "
 " TALEOT de C. " 12th "

(F)
SCHEDULE
DIAGRAM
showing position of Batteries
after re-organisation is complete



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

TO 4TH AUS. DIV. ARTILLERY ORDER NO. 57

RE SCHEDULES - POSTING OF OFFICERS

HEADQUARTERS,
23rd January 1917.

SCHEDULE (C) :-

Veterinary Officer -- Captain SEELENMEYER C.R.

Delete name of Lieut. GREENE W.

SCHEDULE (H) :-

Veterinary Officer -- Captain RIDLEY

Delete name of Lieut. DE TUETRY H.

SCHEDULE (I) :-

Veterinary Officer -- Captain TALBOT H. De.

17th Battery:- For "Captain HALLARD H.R." read "Lieut. COE H.J."

112th Battery:- For "Lieut. COE H.J" read "Captain HALLARD H.R."

Delete name of 2/Lieut. PEEL C.

SCHEDULE (K) :-

Substitute attached amended SCHEDULE (K).

W. E. H. H. H. H. H.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SCHEDULE (K)

POSTING OF OFFICERS TO D.A.C.

O.C. -- Lieut. Colonel VERNON H.V.
Adjutant -- Lieut. LINDSELL F.W.
Medical Officer -- Major BOURKE

"A" ECHELON

NO. 1 SECTION (NEW SOUTH WALES)

O.C. (Capt) Lieut. SUTTON E.S.
Lieut. Mc KEOWN H.C.
Lieut. KING E.C.
2/Lieut. CRAMP O.R.

NO. 2 SECTION (QUEENSLAND)

O.C. (Capt) Lieut. COPLEY H.J.
Lieut. MORRIS J.McL.
Lieut. RUNDLE B.
Lieut. JACKSON J.H.G.

"B" ECHELON

NO. 3 SECTION (COMPOSITE)

O.C. (Capt) Temp. Capt. AIKENS O.E.
Lieut. HARLOCH H.F.
Lieut. DE TUEY H.
Lieut. GREENE W.

ARMY BRIGADE AMMUNITION COLUMN (VICTORIA)

O.C. (Capt) Lieut. LEVY F.
Lieut. LEE C.
Lieut. SMITH S.J.
Lieut. NEEDS W.T.

ATTACHED TO D.A.C. PENDING FURTHER ORDERS.

Lieut. CROCKER A.W.
2/Lieut. PEEL C.E.
2/Lieut. HOOD W.F.

LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIAL.DAILY OPERATION REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 21st - 6 p.m., 22nd January 1917.
----- * -----OBSERVATION :- Poor.HOSTILE
ARTILLERY

:- Our front line received a little more attention than usual.
FLERS came in for its allotment, S 5 d and T 1 a, b and c were not neglected.
At 6.15 p.m., our Supports near GUEDECOURT were shelled with 4.2's and .77's.
Between 7.20 p.m. and 9 p.m., 6 4.2's and 5 .77's fell on S 11 a.
At 1.26 p.m. GUEDECOURT was shelled with 5.9's.

OUR
ACTIVITY

:- During the night, N 14 and N 15 were heavily barraged, and again during the early hours of the morning.
PORK TRENCH was shelled from N 20 b 7 9 to N 21 a 8 6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Between 7 p.m. and 9.40 p.m., Howitzers on roads and tracks in N 15 and N 21.

At 5.45 a.m., a Machine gun emplacement at N 21 a 5 8 was engaged.
Between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., N 13, N 14, and N 20 were intermittently shelled.
Between 4.25 p.m. and 5.40 p.m., roads and trenches were engaged by 18.prs. and Howitzers in N 15 and N 21.

AERIAL
ACTIVITY

:- At 8.11 p.m. an airship - thought to be a Zeppelin - was reported flying in a Westerly direction, half a mile North of FLERS.

One of our planes was observed between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m..

At 9.30 a.m. a small red balloon was released and floated over our own positions from hostile lines.

True to Nature

Lieut. Colonel,
A/Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO. 54

SECRET

ORDER NO. 58

HEADQUARTERS,
23rd January 1917.

The following extracts taken from 1st ANZAC Corps Order No. 91 of the 22nd January 1917, are published for information:-

1. The 12th A.F.A. Brigade - less 112th Battery - will move to FRECHEN COURT on the 28th instant, to form the 14th Australian (Army) F.A. Brigade.
2. The 10th A.F.A. Brigade and one Section D.A.C. will be relieved from the line by the 6th Australian (Army) F.A. Brigade, between the 31st instant and 2nd proximo, under ~~xxxx~~ instructions to be issued by the C.O.A. of the 4th Australian Division.
3. The 11th Aus. F.A. Brigade - as re-organised - will remain in the line.
4. The details of the 4th Australian D.A.C. required to make up the 12th Australian Brigade Ammunition Column, will move to FRECHEN COURT on the 28th instant.
The details of the 5th Australian D.A.C. required to make up the 12th Australian Brigade Ammunition Column, will move to FRECHEN COURT on the 28th instant.
5. Howitzer Batteries will not be re-organised until the arrival of the new Sections.
Each Divisional Artillery will therefore have their present three Batteries (12 Hows.) in the line.
6. Divisional Artillery Schools will cease to exist as such after the 25th instant.
A Corps Artillery School will be opened at BLAU COURT CHATEAU on the 1st February.
Details in regard to the formation of the School will be issued later.
All material which has been handed over by Corps to Divisional Artillery Schools will be collected at the BLAU COURT CHATEAU between the 25th and 31st instant.
7. Separate instructions as regards supplies and quartering will be issued by "Q" of the Corps.
8. The 12th A.F.A. Brigade will move fromagon Lines at 8 a.m. on the 28th instant for FRECHEN COURT.
A billeting party consisting of an Officer, 1 L.C.O. and one man per Battery will proceed to FRECHEN COURT to report to the Town Major, 6 hours before the arrival of the Brigade.
9. A party consisting of one L.C.O. and 5 men (carpenters) will proceed to BLAU COURT on the morning of the 25th instant, travelling by rail from ALBERT to FLISSELL reporting to Lieut. COL at the 4th Divisional Artillery School Headquarters.
This party will be employed in dismantling the huts and collecting all stores and material from Artillery School, ready for removal.
10. The C.O. 12th A.F.A. Brigade will detail sufficient transport from the 12th A.F.A. Brigade Ammunition Column to ensure delivery of all above material at BLAU COURT CHATEAU in accordance with para. 6.

ORDER NO. 58 Continued

11. All mess stores, etc. purchased by School Commandant from advances made By Division and Divisional Artillery will be forwarded to 4th Australian Divisional Artillery Headquarters at earliest convenience.
12. With reference to para. 3, detailed instructions will be issued later.
13. ACKNOWLEDG.
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H. C. Maiti

Lieut. Colonel,
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4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY

COPY NO. 6

SECRETORDER NO. 17HEADQUARTERS,
24th January 1916.

1. A concentrated bombardment by all available Howitzers and Heavy Guns will be carried out on Thursday, 25th instant, for one hour - from 11.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m..
2. Objectives for Heavy and Medium Howitzers will be PORK TRENCH from N 21 a 0 7 to N 14 c 7 0, and BARLEY TRENCH and the trench in front of it in N 14 b.
3. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will co-operate and bring 18-pr. fire to bear during the bombardment on PORK TRENCH and trenches in front of it. Any known mortar or machine gun positions will be engaged in the Area, each group working within its zone.
4. Rates of fire :-

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----|--|
| Medium Hows. and Heavy Guns | -- | 1 round per gun per minute and a half. |
| Heavy Howitzers | -- | 1 round per gun per two minutes. |
| 4.5" Howitzer | -- | Two rounds per gun per minute. |

18-prs. :- Total number of rounds available :-

| | | |
|-------------|----|------|
| No. 1 Group | -- | 1200 |
| No. 2 Group | -- | 1200 |
5. A sharp lookout will be kept for men leaving enemy trenches, and every endeavour must be made to get observation of fire.
6. Watches will be synchronised from D.A.H.Q. at 10.30 a.m..
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

John C. D. Hunt
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 Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIALDAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 23rd - 6 p.m., 24th January 1917.OBSERVATION :- Good.HOSTILE ACTION :- Very quiet during the night.

At 11.25 a.m., S 11 d 5 7 was shelled with 4.2's.

Between 1.40 p.m. and 2.5 p.m., T 8 a 1 8 was shelled with 5.9's.

At 8.30 p.m. our front line was shelled between GUEDECOURT and LE BOEUF.

OUR ACTIVITY :- At 6 p.m., N 14 b 8 1 5 was shelled.

Between 7.5 p.m. and 9.10 p.m., N 15 d was shelled and again during the later hours.

At 8 p.m., N 14 b 8 1 5 was shelled.

7.45 p.m., N 14 b 2 1 5 " "

9.10 p.m., N 14 d 5 9

11.30 p.m. N 14 b 8 1 5

1.55 a.m., N 15 a 4 8

3.50 a.m., N 14 b 8 3

5.45 a.m., N 14 b 1 4

At 11.20 a.m., 12.12 p.m., 2.8 p.m. and 5.50 p.m. we engaged trenches and approaches in N 21 and N 15.

During the afternoon N 14 and N 8 were engaged.

AERIAL ACTIVITY :- Planes very active.

One Hun shot down at 12.15 p.m. and fell near HIGH WOOD.

*W. H. Martin*Lieut. Colonel,
A/Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIALDAILY OPERATION REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 24th - 6 p.m., 25th January 1917.

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OBSERVATION :- Owing to a rather heavy mist, observation was rather poor.

HOSTILE ACTION :- During the night the enemy was fairly quiet, though about 1.15 a.m. he shelled GOODWIN'S POST with a few 4.2's.

The morning was also quiet until about 11.45 a.m. (when we started bombardment) when he opened fire over our P.L.T. and back country. About 2222 500 rounds of 5.9 fell on S 11 d 3 and on Battery positions in S 11 E. forward; he paid most attention to CHEESE ROAD and GRASS LANE. Enemy T.M.'s resembling rum-jars were firing into Section N 20 - 5 from approximately N 20 b 2 8.

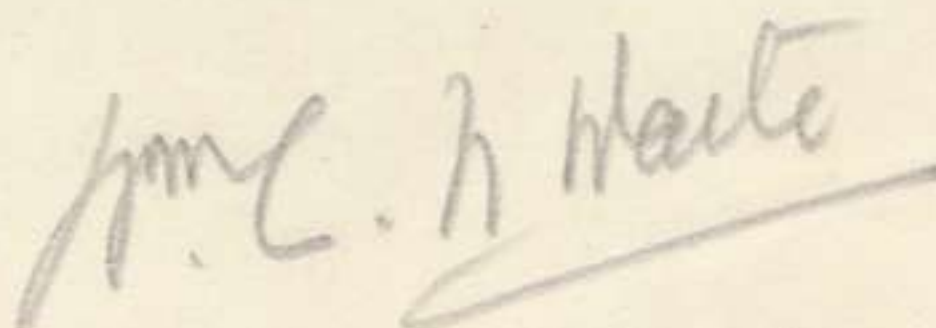
OUR ACTION :- The usual harassing fire was kept throughout the night. This morning two suspected M.G. positions were engaged along the SUNKEN ROAD N 21a 2 4.

At 11.45 a.m. a concentrated bombardment was carried out by both groups on FOKK and HANLEY Trenches, and the trenches in front of it. This bombardment went on for one hour, apparently causing the enemy some inconvenience as he replied quite decently while we were shelling.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

:-

The aircraft on both sides were active throughout the whole day.



Lieut. Colonel,
A/Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERYCONFIDENTIALDAILY OPERATION REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 25th - 6 p.m., 27th January 1917.

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HOSTILE ACTION :- During the night the enemy was fairly quiet. He shelled usual points at

| | | | |
|-----------|---|----------------|------------|
| 8.50 p.m. | - | LE BEOUFS | with .77's |
| 8.45 p.m. | - | " " | " 4.2's |
| 9.55 p.m. | - | GUEDECOURT | " .77's |
| 8 p.m. | - | GOODWIN'S POST | 5.9's. |

Throughout the day he shelled intermittently with all calibres.

From 9.5 a.m. to noon, S 11 a 0 8, S 10 a 0 0 and S 19 b 2 8 were shelled with 9.2's H.V..

Between 3 and 4 p.m. a few rounds of 4.2 were fired on GOODWIN'S POST. Our F.L.T. at N 21 c also received attention from .77's.

A 4.2 Battery operating on N 27 b was located by sound at 61° T.B. from N 21 c 7 8.

OUR ACTION :- Our Batteries shelled N 16 b, N 14 b, N 13 d, N 20 a, N 15, N 21 a, N 21 b during the night with the usual harassing fire. To-day the 18-prs. shelled BARLEY TRENCH, N 15 c and d, PORK TRENCH, LUISEN TRENCH, tracks and roads in N 8 c and N 8 a. The Howitzers paid particular attention to approaches and trenches in N 15 c and d, and BARLEY TRENCH.

AERIAL ACTIVITY :- Aerial activity has been lively throughout, though, from the ground - observation has been bad owing to a haze.

Arthur Edwards
for Lieut. Colonel,
A/Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

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LEFT GROUP FIRST ANZAC. ARTILLERY

CONFIDENTIAL

DAILY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

for period

6 p.m., 27th - 6 p.m., 28th January 1917.

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GENERAL

:- Observation good.

Enemy screen observed at N 24 b 0 3.

HOSTILE ACTION

:- Enemy shelled S 11 d 2 7 and S 11 d 0 3. At noon enemy shelled duckboards near T 2 a with .77's. T.B. by soundx, 40 degrees from T 8 a 1 8. At 12.20 he shelled duckboards in vicinity of T 8 a 2 4 with 5.9's. T.S.B. of 43 degrees from T 8 a 1 8. At 2.45 p.m. shelled duckboards in vicinity of T 2 c 9 0 with .77's. T.S.B. 50 degrees from same point. A 5.9 Battery was located by flash 41 degrees from T 8 a 1 8.

OUR ACTION

:- In carrying out tasks 1, 2, 3 and 4 we expended 128 A, 384 AX and 96 BX.

The 37th Battery fired on N 8 c and d
N 14 c
LUISENHOF FARM

The 110th How. Battery searched and swept roads and approaches in No. 2 Zone.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

:- At 10.55 a.m., 5 hostile 'planes flew low over our front lines from LESBOUEFS to CUEDECOURT.

Planes were very active during the day.

Arthur Edward Lee
for

Lieut. Colonel,
A/Brigade-Major,
Left Group, 1st ANZAC. Artillery.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

CONFIDENTIAL.

OPERATION REPORT.

6 p.m. 29th to 6 p.m. 30th January, 1917.

GENERAL.

Observation bad.

OUR ACTION.

Machine gun which was reported at N 20 a 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ was fired on by howitzer battery.

The 37th Battery fired on tracks at N 8 Central, also on BARLEY TRENCH, PORK TRENCH, LUISENHOF ~~11220N~~ FARM, and HAM TRENCH. Also on :-

N 14 b
N 14 a
N 15 c
N 20 b
N 18 c
N 8 c

The 110th Howitzer Battery searched and swept roads and approaches in No. 2 Zone.

Our Hows. engaged T.M. at N 21 a 5 8 and roads and strong points in N 15 d and c.

Our 18-prs fired on communications and defences in N 14 b, N 21 b, N 15 c, and N 15 d.

HOSTILE ACTION.

Normal. The usual shelling of FLERS, LESBOUEFS, and GUEDECOURT, with 4.2's and 5.9's.

BEARING.

4.2 battery firing on PETROL LANE, 30° from N 20 d 36.

J. E. Jones
Captain,
STAFF CAPTAIN,
4th Aus. Div. Artillery. A/B.M.

"B" Group, First ANZAC Artillery.

Operation Report.

6 p.m. 30th to 6 p.m. 31st January, 1917.

GENERAL.

Observation very good.

At 3.30 p.m. seven of the enemy were observed at N 3 d 00 going in the direction of BAPAUME.

OUR ACTION.

A gun position at N 15 a 8 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ was engaged by 18-prs.

At 8.35 p.m. Task 3 was performed. The 39th Battery fired on night targets including N 20 a, N 13 d, N 14 a, N 8 c, N 14 c and N 14 b.

We fired on targets N 15 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N 15 c 9 9, and from N 22 c 0 6 to N 22 c 4 8 and used 65 A and 90 AX. We also used 90 A on targets from N 21 d 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 7 to N 22 c 0 6.

Our 18-prs carried out a series of tasks on BARLEY TRENCH.

The 110th How. Battery fired on N 15 c, N 14 b, N 20 b, and N 20 a.

Our howitzers silenced a trench mortar at N 20 a 28.

HOSTILE ACTION.

Enemy shelled trenches at N 20 d 2 4 with .77 and 4.2's. He also put four 4.2's on S 12 c 5 5 and twenty-seven .77 shrapnel on S 11 b 5 0. Our F.L.T. in N 21 d and N 22 c

BEARINGS.

.77 battery T.B. 12 $^{\circ}$ 30' from N 20 d 24.
4.2 battery T.B. 56 $^{\circ}$ from "

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

An enemy plane flew over our F.L.T. and directed the fire of 5.9's on our trenches. The plane also used a machine-gun on our trenches.

Comdant

Major, R.A.,
BRIGADE MAJOR,
"B" Group, 1st ANZAC Artillery