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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
STEENWERCK	1917 July 1st	8A.M.	Distribution of Units as per appendix No. 1. The Hon. W. HOLMAN, Premier of NEW SOUTH WALES dined at Div. H.Q. at 8 p.m. Intelligence Summary No. 128 issued.	App. 1
	2	8a.m.	Distribution of Units as per appendix No. 3. Intelligence Summary No. 129 issued	" 2 " 3 " 4
		9.30 a.m.	G.O.C. and A.D.C. accompanied by Hon. W. HOLMAN, Premier of N.S. WALES and his Secretary left by motor car for the forward area to afford Mr. HOLMAN an opportunity of viewing the MESSINES RIDGE. On nearing WHITE GATES (on the Western slope of HILL 63) the party alighted from the car to proceed to the summit. Almost immediately afterwards a 77m.m. shell fell beside General HOLMES - the explosion threw all the party to the ground and wounded the G.O.C. in the left breast and back, rendering him unconscious. He was at once taken to a Field Ambulance, but died as it was reached.	
		11A.M.	Brigadier-General C. ROSENTHAL, C.B., C.M.G. assumed temporary Command of 4th Aust. Division	
	3	8 a.m.	Distribution of Units as per appendix 5 Intelligence Summary No. 130 issued.	" 5 " 6
		3 p.m.	The body of Major-General Wm. HOLMES, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., was buried at the Cemetery at No. 2 C.C. Station, STEENWERCK (Map reference Sheet 36. B.13.B.0.5.) Lieut-General Sir. W. BIRDWOOD, 1st ANZAC, Sir A. GODLEY 2nd ANZAC, representatives from 2nd ARMY, Corps, and adjacent Divisions were present.	
	4	6 a.m.	Intelligence Summary (as per appendix) No. 131	7
		2.15 p.m.	H.M. The KING inspected trophies captured in MESSINES - WYSCHAETE offensive at the Square BAILLEUL. G.O.C. and Senior Staff of 4th Aus. Division with Brigadiers were presented to His Majesty. H.M. afterwards motored through portion of the Div. Area occupied by the 13th Aust. Infantry Brigade.	
	5	5 a.m.	Situation normal.	
		9 a.m.	Lieut-Colonel F.B. HERITAGE, attached General Staff proceeded to ENGLAND to attend Senior Officers' Instructors' Course at ALDERSHOT. G.S.O. 1 and G. Learner proceeded to 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade H.Q., and thence to Front line.	
		5 p.m.	Situation normal.	
			Intelligence Summary No. 132 attached.	8
	6	6 a.m.	Quiet night. Situation normal. Wind N.E. W.E. - Light at night - Fair and bright with good visibility. Temperature day 70, night 50	

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STEENWERCK	1917 July 6	6 a.m.	The G.O.C. and G.S.O.3 proceeded to the Right Brigade and went round portion of the line. On the way back they visited the 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q., and 4th N.Z. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	
		6 p.m.	Situation normal	App. 9
			Intelligence Summary No. 123 attached.	
			Defensive arrangements for Divisional area issued.	10
			Letter issued to Brigades saying that if Division remained sufficiently long in the line the 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade would be relieved by the 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. Relief would not take place before 14th inst., Locations of Units to 8 A.M. 9th issued (attached)	11
		7 p.m.	While 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. were dining a shell aimed at 6" howitzers which were in the vicinity of Bde. H.Q., in spite of numerous requests for their removal, landed in the mess. General BRAND, Major JOHNSTON (B.M.), Captain THOMSON (A/S.C.) Lieut. BEAZLEY (Sig.O.) were wounded and Lieut. MILLS (I.O.) was killed. All wounded Officers were evacuated.	
	6	9 p.m.	Lieut. Col. DRAKE - BROCKMAN temporarily assumed command of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	
		12 p.m.	Enemy planes dropped bombs in vicinity of STEENWERCK.	
	7	6 a.m.	Situation normal. Fine and warm. Indifferent or fair visibility. Thunderstorms with squalls developing later.	
		9 a.m.	Works Report for period ending 6/7/17.	12
			G.O.C. visited 5th Division at CROIX du BAC to arrange re-connection between 4th N.Z. Bde. and Left Brigade of 5th Division. It was arranged that telephone communication as follows would be arranged :- Between flank Brigades, between flank Battalions, between flank Corps Companies, and between flank Platoons.	
		3 p.m.	G.O.C. and G.S.O.1 visited 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. Order issued by II ANZAC re relief of 4th Aust. Div. Artillery by New Zealand Artillery on nights 8/9th and 9/10th July. The 4th Aust. Div. Artillery to move North and be attached to Division.	
		6 p.m.	Situation normal. Intelligence Summary No. 134 attached.	13
			Location of Units attached.	14
	8	6 a.m.	Situation normal.	
			The 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved 2 front line Battalions by 2 Battalions in Support, the relief being complete by 2 a.m.	

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STEENWERCK.	July 8	9 a.m.	G. Learner and Intelligence Officer proceeded to 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. and then up the line.	
		11 a.m.	G.O.C., and G.S.O.1 of N.Z. Division conferred with G.S.O.1 re projected minor operation.	
		5.15 p.m.	Situation normal.	App. 15
			Intelligence Summary No.135 attached.	
	9	6 a.m.	Situation quiet - Shelling normal. During night (11.15 p.m.) a party of enemy 50 strong attacked an advanced post of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. under cover of T.M. bombardment. Our post was forced to fall back. Two of our men are missing. Unsettled weather with further rain. Risk of thunderstorms. G.S.O.1 and C.R.E. went round SUBSIDIARY LINE in 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. area.	
	9	3 p.m.	G.O.C. and G.S.O.1 proceeded to LA MOTTE to see General BRAND who was in the Rest Station there.	
		6 p.m.	Situation Normal. Back Areas and communication trenches were lightly shelled with 77m.m. and 4.2's.	
			Intelligence Summary No.136 attached.	
	10	6 a.m.	Situation quiet. Artillery and M.G. normally quiet active.	16
			Fine day - possibility of finer weather continuing. G.S.O.1 proceeded to 4th N.Z. Bde. H.Q. and thence round trenches of that Brigade.	
	10	a.m.	The Corps Commander presented ribbons for honors awarded during MESSINES operations. G.O.C. was present.	
		6 p.m.	Situation quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary No.137 attached.	17
			Distribution of Units to 8 a.m. 11/7/17 issued	18
	11	6 a.m.	Situation normal.	
		9 a.m.	G.S.O.3 proceeded to 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. and thence to Support and Front Lines of Left Battalion. Day fine and bright.	
		5.30 p.m.	Div. Order No.60 issued re relief of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. by 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.	19
			Intelligence Summary No.138 attached.	20
			Situation normal - hostile shelling quiet.	
	12	5 a.m.	G.O.C., and G.3 Learner proceeded up line to Left Battalion Sector.	
		6 a.m.	Situation normal	
		9 a.m.	G.S.O.1 went to 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. to discuss relief with G.O.C. of that Brigade. weather fine and warm.	

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	July			
STEENWERCK	12	6.p.m.	Enemy shelling Left Battalion intermittently with 4.2's. Otherwise quiet.	
			Intelligence Summary No.139 attached.	App. 21
	13	6.a.m.	Situation normal. Weather fine and warm.	
		9.a.m.	G.O.C. went to WIMEREUX to inspect the rest camp there.	
		3.p.m.	Orders received from II ANZAC re the relief of 4th Aust. Division by N.Z. Division - same to be completed by 10.a.m., 20th instant.	
	13	3.p.m.	G.S.O. 1 and G.S.O. 2 of 4th N.Z. Division came over to discuss relief with G.S.O. 1. G.S.O. 2 of 3rd Aust. Division called.	
			Div. Intelligence Summary No.140 attached. ( 6 P.M. Situation quiet)	App. 22
			Distribution of Units at 8.a.m. 14th attached.	" 23
	14	1.a.m.	Enemy tried to raid post at U.11.c.9.l., but was driven off apparently with casualties. Our casualties were nil. 4. Relief of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. by 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. complete.	
		4.a.m.	Enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs near STEENWERCK.	
		6.a.m.	Situation normal. Weather muggy. Thunderstorms.	
			G.3 and G. Learner went round SUBSIDIARY LINE.	
		10.a.m.	G.O.C. 57th Division called to see G.O.C. re matters concerning both Divisions.	
			Works Report for period ending 12th July attached.	App. 24
		2.p.m.	G.O.C. and G.1 attended Horse Show of 4th N.Z. Bde.	
		6.p.m.	Situation normal	
			Div. Intelligence Summary No.141 attached.	" 25
		7.p.m.	Div. Order No.69 re relief of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. by N.Z. Division attached.	" 26
	15	6.a.m.	Situation normal - Enemy heavily shelled front line system about midnight	
		9.a.m.	G.S.O.1 proceeded to 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q., thence round line with B.G.G.S. II ANZAC Corps.	
			Location of Units at 8.A.M. 16th attached.	" 27
		6.p.m.	Situation normal.	
			Div. Intelligence Summary No.142 attached.	" 28
	16	6.a.m.	At 2.a.m. intense bombardment of Right Sector trenches by H.E. and minenwerfer for 15 minutes	
			Left Sector quiet. Weather fine and warm.	
		11.30a.m.	Brigadier-General E.G. MacLAGAN, C.B., D.S.O., arrived and assumed Command of Division.	
			G. Learner proceeded up line and went round portion with G.O.C., 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.	
		3.p.m.	G.O.C. visited G.O.C. of 4th, 12th Aust. and 4th N.Z. Inf. Brigades.	
		6.p.m.	Situation quiet. Light shelling during morning of Support Line.	
			CANPAC Dump, U.19.b.1.8. was blown up at 1.45.p.m. by hostile shell fire.	

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	July 16	6.p.m.	Div. Intelligence Summary No. 143 attached.	App. 29
	17	6.a.m.	During night from 8.45 to 8.55 p.m. and from 3.30 a.m. to 3.45 a.m. enemy heavily barraged Right Brigade Sector. From 11 to 11.15 p.m. enemy heavily barraged Left Brigade Sector. Weather fine	
		9.a.m.	G.O.C. proceeded to 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. Thence with G.O.C. 13th Aust. Inf. Bde fine round portion off SUBSIDIARY LINE. G.S. round front and Support Lines with of 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. with I.O., N.Z. Division. A prisoner was captured by 4th N.Z. Inf. Bde. One of a patrol who crossed LYS in a boat to secure identification. Belonged to 21st Bavarian R.I.R.- Normal.	
		6.p.m.	Situation quiet. Light shelling of front line trenches. Div. Intelligence Summary No. 144 attached.	App. 30
	18	6.a.m.	Situation quiet. Hostile shelling exceptionally quiet.	
		9.a.m.	G.O.C. inspected transport of 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. moving to DOULIEU Area. Bde. H.Q. established at DOULIEU at 11.a.m. Weather showery.	
		6.p.m.	Situation normal. Intelligence Summary No. 145 attached. Location of Units up to 6.a.m. 19th attached.	App. 31
	19	3.30 a.m.	Post of 2 L.G. and 6 men on 13th Brigade front driven in. Post retaken, but 2 Lewis guns lost.	" 32
		6.a.m.	Situation quiet. - weather showery.	
		9.a.m.	4th Aust. Inf. Bde. marched to VIEUX BERQUIN and were seen on road by G.O.C. and G.I.	
	18	9.a.m.	G.O.C. and G.S.O. interviewed C. in c. Warning order issued by II ANZAC that after a few days Division would be billeted in rear of Corps front from LA CRECHE to DRANOUTRE. Division was also warned to have one Brigade in readiness to reinforce the 57th Div. front. A letter was sent to 12th Brigade who were to choose embussing points and to commence necessary reconnaissance.	
		12 Noon.	Major E.C.P. PLANT, D.S.O. and Bar reported as G.S.O.2.	
		6.p.m.	Valley of DOUVE shelled heavily about 4.p.m. - at 6.p.m. quiet.	
	19	6.p.m.	Div. Intelligence Summary No. 146 attached. Location of Units at 10.a.m. 20th July attached. Works Report for period ending 18th July attached. Trench Map showing Divisional Area attached.	App. 33
	20	12.30 a.m.	Relief of 13 Aust. Inf. Bde. in front line by 1st and 2nd. N.Z. Bdes. complete.	" 34 " 35 " 36

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	July/17.			
		6 A.M.	Situation normal.	
		10 A.M.	Command of Divisional front handed over to G.O.C. New Zealand Division. Divisional H.Q. established at VIEUX BERQUIN.	
VIEUX BERQUIN	21	10 A.M.	Dull and cool. G.O.C. visited 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th Bns during morning and 13th Bde during afternoon. Instructions issued for 13th Bde to move from DE SEULE to BERQUIN Area.	App. 37
		9 P.M.	G.O.C. conferred with G.S.O. 1 and 2 on subject of training and future operations.	
VIEUX BERQUIN	n 22	9 A.M.	Bright and clear. G.O.C. attended Church Parade with 12th Aus. Inf. Bde. 13th A.I. Bde moved from DE SEULE Area to No. 3 BERQUIN Area with Headquarters at DOULIEU.	
		11 A.M.	G.O.C. witnessed portion of Brigade on march.	
VIEUX BERQUIN	23	9 A.M.	Dull and Sultry. Brigades carrying out training principally route marches owing to lack of suitable training grounds.	App. 38
		2.30 P.M.	Conference of Brigadiers, C.R.A., C.R.E. held at Div. H.Q. to discuss various matters regarding discipline and training in the Division.	Conference
VIEUX BERQUIN	24	9 A.M.	Cloudy and cool. Training continued. G.O.C. visited 13th Aus. Inf. Bde area.	App. 39
VIEUX BERQUIN	25	9 A.M.	Wet during morning with dull afternoon. Army Commander visited.	Distributions
		2.30 P.M.	Army Commander visited Div. H.Q. and conferred with G.O.C. Training continued. Owing to lack of training grounds extra time has been devoted to route marches and musketry instruction.	
VIEUX BERQUIN	x 26	9 A.M.	Dull and cool. Intelligence Course for Officers commenced at DOULIEU.	
		10 A.M.	G.O.C. visited 4th Pioneer Battalion and witnessed their training. One Company Pioneer Bn ordered to construct works at KEMMEL Reservoir and cleared Camp at 7 A.M.	
VIEUX BERQUIN	27	9 A.M.	Clear and warm. Army and Corps Commanders visited Division and inspected units. Lectures commenced by Chaplain WARD in connection with venereal diseases.	
		6 P.M.	Lecture by R.F.C. Officer on 'Contact Patrols' given to Officers of 13th Bde. G.O.C. visited General BIRDWOOD.	



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## Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Sheet.	Map Square 1740,000	Remarks.
<u>Divisional Headquarters.</u>	36	A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK
4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	28	U.20.a.9.9.	In line.
13th Battalion.		U.27.d.4.8.	Right Supptg. Bn.
14th Battalion	28	U.15.c.9.5.	Loft " "
15th Battalion		U.9.d.7.7.	Loft Bn. in Line.
16th Battalion		U.27.b.8.3.	Right Bn. " "
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.)		U.15.a.15.05.	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty. )			
12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	36	B.3.d.9.8.	Brigade in Support
45th Battalion	28	T.26.b.7.5.	KORTEPYP
46th Battalion		U.13.c.5.2.	
47th Battalion	36	B.4.a.60.35.	ROMARIN
48th Battalion	28	T.18.d.7.5.	UNDERHILL FARM
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.	36	B.4.c.6.6.	LEDON
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		B.4.c.4.8.	ROMARIN
13th Aus. Inf. Bde H.Q.	28	T.26.c.5.1.	
49th Battalion			
50th Battalion			
51st Battalion			
52nd Battalion			DE SEULE
13th Aus. M.G. Coy			
13th A.L.T.M. Bty			
Div. Artillery H.Q.		VIEUX BERQUIN	
10th A.F.A. Brigade	28	S.30.c.1.7.	
11th A.F.A. Brigade		S.30.a.5.6.	
Div. T.M. H.Q.		21 Rue de la ARMENTIERES. NIEPPE.	
Div. Ammunition Column	36	T.19.a.0.3.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	36	STEENWERCK	
14th Aus. Field Coy		B.1.d.9.6.	
12th Aus. Field Coy		B.4.a.5.3.	
13th Aus. Field Coy		A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK
4th Aus. Div. Sig. Coy.			
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.	28	T.10.d.15.05.	
Divisional Train H.Q.		STEENWERCK	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	36	A.10.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
Supply Column		STEENWERCK	
Railhead		"	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance	36	A.17.c.8.2.	
12th Aus. Field Ambulance		B.2.c.3.1.	
13th Aus. Field Ambulance		B.8.b.2.6.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Section		A.10.c.9.1.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		B.8.c.3.9.	

8 A.M. 1st July 1917.

*Stanley Rogers* Capt  
Major General  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 121.

From 6 a.m. 30th. June to 6 a.m. 1st. July 1917.

Not to be taken into the front line.

Our Operations.

Artillery. Our Artillery was fairly quiet during the period. Enemy working party at 36. c.11.a.55.30. was dispersed by our M. Punders.

Patrols. An Officers patrol left LOOPHOLE FARM at 12.30. A.M. and proceeded to U.29.b.14. No enemy were seen. Another patrol passed through PONT ROUGE to LYS RIVER. This patrol was held up by enemy artillery fire, which apparently came from just to the East of the DOLL'S HOUSE, 21.C.24.c.7.3. Other patrols out on the Divisional front encountered no enemy.

Enemy Activity.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was very quiet on the front line system during the day, but between 10 P.M. and 3.30 A.M. enemy heavily shelled Right Brigade Front and Support Lines, PONT ROUGE, GANGER'S COT., and between these two places and the LYS, LA POTTERIE FARM and SUBSIDIARY LINE from U.9.d.7.1. to U.9.b.8.0. The back areas throughout the period received a good deal of attention. HEATH TRENCH and HILL 63 were shelled between 3 and 4.30 P.M. At 7.30 P.M. 30 4.2's were fired at CEDAR RESERVE. Between 10 P.M. and midnight, vicinity of 36. C.9.d.20.55. and MOTOR CAR CORNER were both shelled. HYDE PARK CORNER received continuous attention throughout the period. Enemy batteries were observed on the following True Bearings from U.15.d.5.5. - 99°, 109°, 119°. A 77 mm is reported at C.5.b.5.5.

Machine Guns. An enemy M.G. at U.29.d.7.9. in UNCOVERED TRENCH was very active. Another gun is reported at U.29.b.6.3. At night one or more M.Gs operate from buildings in vicinity of U.17.d.4.7.

Aircraft. Very little activity yesterday. At 9.15 P.M. an enemy plane flew low and fired a few shots on our front trenches.

Miscellaneous. A fire was seen burning in WARNETON at 2.30 A.M. During period enemy have been heard working in DEULEMONT.

Stanley Rogers-Carr  
1st. Lieut-Colonel.

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<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>	36	A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK
4th N.Z. Inf. Bde.	36	B.16.c.2.9.	NIEPPE In Line.
3rd Canterbury Bn.	36	C.9.d.22.36.	SURREY FM.
3rd Otago Bn.	36	B.20.a.8.4.	In Reserve.
3rd Wellington Bn.	36	B.16.c.8.6.	NIEPPE In Reserve.
3rd Auckland Bn.	36	B.10.d.80.85.	BRUNE RUE
4th N.Z. M.G. Coy.	36	C.2.d.25.15.	GUNNERS FARM.
4th N.Z. T.M. Battery	36	B.16.c.0.0.	NIEPPE
4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	28	U.20.a.9.9.	In Line.
13th Battalion.	28	U.27.d.4.8.	Right Supptg. Bn.
14th Battalion.		U.15.c.9.5.	Left "
15th Battalion.		U.9.d.7.7.	Left Bn. in Line.
16th Battalion.		U.27.b.8.3.	Right Bn. "
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.)		U.15.a.15.05.	
4th A.L.T.M. Bty.)			
12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	36	B.3.d.9.8.	Brigade in Support
45th Battalion.	28	U.19.b.3.8.	CATACOMBS.
46th Battalion.		U.13.c.5.2.	
47th Battalion.	36	T.18.d.85.35.	RED LODGE
48th Battalion.	28	T.18.d.7.5.	UNDERHILL FM.
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.	36	B.4.c.6.6.	LEDON.
12th A.L.T.M. Bty.		B.4.c.4.8.	POMARIN.
13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	36	B.2.a.7.7.	
49th Battalion.		B.2.a.6.6.	
50th Battalion.		B.2.a.7.5.	
51st Battalion.	28	T.20.c.4.1.	DE SEULE
52nd Battalion.	36	B.1.a.7.2.	
13th Aust. M.G. Coy.		B.1.a.7.2.	
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.		B.2.a.8.9.	
<u>Divisional Artillery H.Q.</u>		VIEUX BERQUIN	
10th A.F.A. Brigade.	28	S.30.c.1.7.	
11th A.F.A. Brigade.		S.30.a.5.6.	
Div. T.M. H.Q.		21 Rue de ARMENTIERES.	NIEPPE
Div. Ammunition Column.	36	T.19.a.0.3.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	36	STEENWERCK	
4th Aust. Field Coy.)		B.1.d.9.6.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.)		B.4.a.5.3.	
13th Aust. Field Coy.		A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		T.10.d.15.05.	
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.	28		
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>		STEENWERCK	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	36	A.10.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
Supply Column		STEENWERCK	
Railhead.		"	

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4th Aust. Field Ambulance	36	A.17.c.8.2.
12th Aust. Field Ambulance		B. 2.c.3.1.
13th Aust. Field Ambulance		B. 8.b.2.6.
4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Section.		A.10.c.9.1.
4th Aust. Salvage Company.		B. 8.c.3.9.

8. A.M. 2nd. July, 1917.

*L. G. King, Capt.*  
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For Official Use only.4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 129.From 6 a.m. 1st July to 6 a.m. 2nd July.Not to be taken into the Front Line.Reference 28.S.W.4.36.NW.1/19.000.Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery shelled DEULEMONT FRELINGHEIN and Farm house at U.5.b.55.50. at intervals throughout the day. It was exceptionally quiet on the left Brigade front.

Machine Guns. Vickers guns carried out indirect fire on enemy's communications. Lewis guns engaged hostile aircraft on several occasions and helped to drive them off.

Patrols. Patrols from both Brigades were active along the whole front. The bridge at C.5.a.35.55 was examined and found to be destroyed in the middle. They report enemy O.P's. in vicinity of Dolls House as any movement forward of our front line in this sector is shelled.

Enemy's Activity

Artillery. Hostile artillery lightly shelled our front and support lines with 77 mm. and 4.2 shells from the River LYS to the River WARNAVE. PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and HYDE PARK CORNER were heavily shelled at midnight. ULTIMO SUPPORT was lightly shelled by 4.2 shells throughout the day and night. 77 mm guns are firing from C.5.b.50.40. and C.5.o.6.7.

Patrols. At 11.30 P.M. a hostile patrol of 30 to 40 strong attempted to raid our listening post at U.17.b.3.1. After a short bomb fight they were driven off.

Machine Guns. Hostile machine guns were firing from U.29.d.7.9. and DOLLS HOUSE.

Aircraft. Planes were more active than usual. On several occasions they flew at low altitudes and fired their machine guns at the garrisons of our front and support trenches.

Miscellaneous.

A light was seen at DOLLS HOUSE at 3.45 A.M. and again at 4.30 A.M. A working party was observed in CERTAIN TRENCH (C.5.b.15.15.). New work is visible at this point and on trench at C.5.b.9.2. Movement was observed at the Screened Farm (C.5.b.50.80.) throughout the day.

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Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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## 4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Sheet.	Map Square 1/40,000	Remarks.
<u>Divisional Headquarters.</u>	36	A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK
4th N.Z. Inf. Bde.	36	B.16.c.2.9.	NIEPPE In Line
3rd Canterbury Bn.	36	C.9.d.22.36	SURREY FM.
3rd Otago Bn.	36	B.20.a.8.4.	In Reserve.
3rd Wellington Bn.	36	B.16.c.8.6.	NIEPPE In Reserve.
3rd Auckland Bn.	36	B.10.d.80.85.	BRUNE RUE
4th N.Z. M.G. Coy.	36	C.2.d.25.15.	GUNNERS FM.
4th N.Z. T.M. Battery	36	B.16.c.0.8.	NIEPPE
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Brigade. H.Q.</u>	28	U.20.a.9.9.	In Line
13th Battalion		U.27.d.4.8.	Right Suppg. Bn.
14th Battalion.	28	U.15.c.9.5.	Left " "
15th Battalion.		U.9.d.7.7.	Left Bn. In Line.
16th Battalion.		U.27.b.8.3.	Right " " "
4th Aust. M.G. Coy. ( )		U.15.a.15.05.	
4th A.L.T.M. Battery)			
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	36	B.3.d.9.8.	Bde. in Support.
45th Battalion.	28	B.19.b.3.8.	CATACOMBS.
46th Battalion.		U.13.c.5.2.	
47th Battalion.	36	T.18.d.85.35.	RED LOBBE
48th Battalion.	28	T.18.d.7.5.	UNDERHILL FM.
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.	36	B.4.c.6.6.	LEDON.
12th A.L.T.M. Battery.		B.4.c.4.8.	ROMARIN
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	36	B.2.a.7.7.	
49th Battalion.		B.2.a.6.6.	
50th Battalion.		B.2.a.7.5.	
51st Battalion.	28	T.20.c.4.1.	DE SEULE
52nd Battalion	36	B.1.a.7.2.	
13th Aust. M.G. Coy.		B.1.a.7.2.	
13th A.L.T.M. Battery		B.2.a.8.9.	
<u>Divisional Artillery H.Q.</u>	36	A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK
10th A.F.A. Brigade.	36	T.21.d.05.05.	
11th A.F.A. Brigade	36	B.16.c.10.90.	
Divisional T.M. H.Q.		21 Rde de	ARMENTIERES. NIEPPE
Div. Ammunition Column	36	T.19.a.0.3.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	36	STEENWERCK.	
4th Aust. Field Coy.)		B.1.d.9.6.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.)			
13th Aust. Field Coy.		B.4.a.5.3.	
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK.
4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	28	T.10.d.15.05.	
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>		STEENWERCK.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	36	A.10.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
Supply Column.		STEENWERCK.	
Railhead		"	

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A.D.M.S.	36	96 Rue de la Gare	STEENWERCK.
4th Aust. Field Ambulance		A. 17.c. 8.2.	
12th Aust. Field Ambulance		B. 2.c. 3.1.	
13th Aust. Field Ambulance		B. 8.b. 2.6.	
4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Section.		A. 10.c. 9.1.	
4th Aust. Salvage Coy.		B. 8.c. 3.9.	

8. A.M. 3rd July, 1917.

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For Official Use Only4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 130From 6 A.M. 2nd July to 6 A.M. 3rd July 1917.Not to be taken into the Front LineReference Sheets 28 S.W.4 and 36 N.W.2. 1/10,000Our Operations

Artillery Our artillery shelled DEULEMONT, FRELINGHIEN, LAUNDRY WOOD, Farm C.5.b.60.50. and DOLLS HOUSE U.24.c.7.2. A direct hit was obtained on DOLLS HOUSE.

Machine Guns. Indirect fire was carried out by Vickers Guns on enemy's communications.

Patrols. Patrols were active along the whole front. The bridge at C.11.a.50.13. was examined and found to be a double pontoon bridge with 3 boards and scrub on top supported by wire. Left Brigade patrols report enemy movement on west side of River in U.24.c.

Aircraft. One of our planes were brought down in flames opposite our Left Brigade Sector, near WARNETON; both pilot and observer were killed.

Enemy's Activity.

Artillery. Hostile artillery was more active than usual. Our front line system was shelled intermittently with 15 cm, 10.5 cm. and 77 mm. LE BIZET, Station (C.9.d.85.65.) PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and HYDE PARK CORNER were heavily shelled at intervals during the day and night.

Machine Guns. Hostile guns were firing from C.17.a.1.8., C.5.a.5.3. and U.29.d.95.65.

Aircraft. Hostile planes were again very active. During the morning they flew over our front line trenches and fired their machine guns at the garrison. From 10.30 P.M. to midnight planes were over STEENWERCK, dropping several bombs near dumps at Railway Station.

Miscellaneous.

Defences New work is visible at points in CERTAIN TRENCH from C.5.b.2.5. to C.5.b.1.1. The wire in front of this portion appears to be in good condition.

Movement Much movement was observed in the vicinity of CERTAIN TRENCH and LAUNDRY FARM. At intervals during the day men were seen to enter the house at U.17.b.8.5.

Flares Enemy has recently been using a new flare which has a range of 1500 yards. This flare appears to travel 400 yards before igniting and has a low trajectory. Reports state this flare shows a good light but value is minimized owing to the speed with which it travels.

Notes on Aeroplane Photos of 2-7-17. Enemy has one post behind hedge at U.11.d.47.10. There are series of posts along hedge U.11.d.4.2. to U.11.d.6.4.; north of this point the enemy holds a line of shell holes running as follows U.11.d.6.4., U.11.d.8.7., U.11.b.7.2.

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For Official Use Only.4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 131From 6 a.m. 3rd July to 6 a.m. 4th July 1917.Not to be taken into the Front Line.Our Operations.

Artillery. LAUNDRY WOOD, suspected minenwerfer emplacement at C.11a.75.30, machine gun emplacements at C.5.c.7.5. and C.11.a.7.3. and the suspected 77 position at C.5.b.5.4, were engaged during the day. In addition a certain amount of registration was carried out.

Patrols. No repairs have been done to bridges at U.29.c.5.2, and C.11.c.45.90. Rifle grenades were fired from C.5.d.0.2 and C.11.a.60.03. At midnight one of our patrols observed an enemy patrol in vicinity of U.30.a.65.90 going in the direction of the DOLLS HOUSE. Owing to the unusual ~~xxxxxx~~ quietness of enemy artillery, our patrols were able to search NO MANS LAND thoroughly and except for party mentioned above no enemy was encountered on West side of LYS South of SUGAR REFINERY. A patrol which proceeded to U.17.d.4.8, reports no enemy in buildings in that vicinity. two of

Aircraft. Our planes were active. at 12.40 a.m., our planes drove down an enemy plane. At 12.45 a.m., 4th inst., when two of our planes crossed enemy lines, enemy tried to pick them up with searchlights.

Enemy Operations.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was noticeably quieter throughout the period. The DOUVE VALLEY was fairly heavily shelled. During the night PLOEGSTEERT Wood was subjected to light shelling with H.M. and shrapnel.

The front line system of the Right Brigade and Right Battalion of Left Brigade was lightly shelled with 4.2 and 5.9 between dusk and midnight. HYDE PARK Corner and road from PLOEGSTEERT HUT were shelled at intervals.

Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns were fairly active during the night till 2 a.m. Guns were active at the following positions:- U.29.c.6.5, U.29.c.88.90, U.5.a.00.85, U.24.c.7.4. Indirect M.G. fire was again brought to bear on our left Battalion Front.

Trench Mortars. Trench mortars fired occasionally on our Front line system from near the LYS the East of the SUGAR REFINERY. Another T.M. was active at C.5.d.0.2. An enemy T.M. at C.11.a.60.03 fired gas bombs.

Movement. Enemy waggons and limbers were heard throughout the night in the vicinity of the LAUNDRY (C.5.c.7.6.) and LAUNDRY WOOD. During the day observers were seen at C.5.b.55.40. A German was seen to climb a tree at U.11.d.7.5, by means of a rope ladder. Several small parties were observed moving in vicinity of house in U.17.b.8.5.

New Work. is reported at C.5.b.5.4, DUNIEZ FM, and CERTAIN TRENCH from C.5.b.1.1. to 1.5. - 2.0.

Aircraft. Enemy planes were active. They flew low over our line and fired at M.G. at Front trenches. These planes were driven off by Lewis Gun Fire. Numerous enemy balloons were up during the day.

Miscellaneous. At C.17.b.17.15 pole with crossed bars on two houses seem to indicate a wireless station. Infantry observers report that a double red flare brings down a light barrage by 2 batteries of 77 M.M. and pineapple bombs.

Stanley Rogers Capt  
/s/ Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, No. 132.From 6 a.m. 4th. JULY to 6 a.m. 5th. JULY, 1917.Not to be taken into the front line.Our Operations.

Artillery - Our heavies engaged targets in East and South of SUGAR REFINERY. The following targets were fired on by Divisional Artillery - DYE WORKS, C.11.c.55.60 - THE BREWERY C.17.a.2.7., and house at C.11.a.7.2., Machine Gun Emplacement at C.11.a.6.4., suspected battery position at D.8.a.2.8. and U.11.d.94.38.

Trench Mortars. Between 10.30 p.m. and 2.45 a.m. our light mortars fired on LAUNDRY at C.5.c.7.6.

Patrols. - One of our patrols worked out to U.29.a.8.2. - saw an enemy party of 15 on the opposite side of the River LYS who were marched towards DEULEMONT, and carrying a plank. When they saw our patrol they dropped the plank and disappeared. Other patrols out on our front encountered no enemy.

Aircraft. - Our planes were active during the morning and were heavily fired on by enemy A.A. Guns. A Machine Gun at U.29.d.50.21. fired on one of our planes.

Enemy Activity.

Artillery - Enemy artillery was again below normal yesterday. The absence of heavies on our forward areas is very noticeable but HYDE PARK CORNER and HILL 63 are persistently shelled. Between 6.30 A.M. and 1.30 P.M. enemy put over 500 4.2s between HYDE PARK CORNER and U.7.b.central. During the night enemy shelled the area between the railway and the LYS to the S. of the SUGAR REFINERY and N. of PONT ROUGE. Other places engaged were WHITE FARM (C.5.a.) PONT ROUGE, SURREY FARM (C.9.d.), RAPEQUE FARM, ANTON'S AVENUE, LAWRENCE FARM, GRAND HAIE FARM, and the Support Line. Between 3 and 4 A.M. 60 gas shells fell in vicinity of U.15.c.9.5.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs were active during the night, both direct and indirect fire being reported. The guns at the following positions were active - C.11.a.80.25., C.5.c.95.65., U.29.d.90.65., U.24.c.75.25.

Trench Mortars. An enemy Minenwerfer at C.11.c.62.94. was active during the night.

Defences. Many of the houses on FREILINGHEIM FARM have been loopholed. This is particularly noticeable in BREWERY, DYE WORKS and house at C.11.a.7.2. New work is visible at on UNCOVERED TRENCH at U.29.d.80.94., and on CERTAIN TRENCH at C.5.b.15.15.

Movement. Between 7.30 and 8.30 P.M. an enemy party of 8 apparently carrying material was seen near house at U.17.d.45.50.

Aircraft. Enemy planes were not as active as usual yesterday. Those flying low are almost invariably driven off by Lewis Gun fire. Several hostile balloons were up in the early morning and late afternoon.

Signalling. A small searchlight was operating last night in U.23.b. A lamp flashing signals was located on a Mag. bearing of 160° from U.16.b.9.6. At 7.30 P.M. a hostile balloon was directing 5.9 fire on U.8. and 14. Another balloon (110° Mag. from U.16.c.0.9.) was signalling with flags to Heliograph; while this was in progress enemy artillery was active on our left Battalion.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 133.  
From 6 A.M. 5th July to 6 A.M. 6th July 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line.

Reference Sheets 28 Sub. 4 and 36 N.W. 2. 1/10,000

#### Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was not very active during the last 24 hours. The following targets were fired on by Divisional Artillery. C.5.c.7.4, C.11.a.40.55 and C.5.a.5.4.

Trench Mortars. Between 9.45 P.M. and 11 P.M. our light mortars fired 60 rounds into the LAUNDRY at C.5.c.7.6.

Patrols. Were active along the Divisional Front. The Bridge at C.5.a.35.54 was again examined and found in a state of disrepair. A patrol from the Left Brigade located a working party at U.17.d.6.7.

Aircraft. Our planes were active throughout the day. they were heavily fired on by hostile anti-aircraft and machine guns.

Enemy's Activity. Hostile artillery fire was heavier than usual. From the River LYS to River WARNAVE our Front line system was shelled with 4.2s, 5.9's and shrapnel, the last bursting much lower than usual. North of the River WARNAVE the Front line system was intermittently shelled with 77 m.m. and 4.2's. As usual FLOEGSTEERT Wood and HYDE PARK Corner were heavily shelled at intervals throughout the day and night. Three heavy calibre guns have been located firing from rear of LES FILLETES FARM (U.20.c.7.9.). Each of the buildings shown on the map would give cover to a gun.

Machine Guns. Hostile machine guns were very active between 8 and 9 A.M. from the direction of FRELINGHEIN. They continually swept the parapets of the Front line trenches on the Right Brigade. Guns were firing from C.5.b.5.5, and U.17.d.8.4.

Aircraft. Hostile machines patrolled their own lines but made no attempt to cross our lines. Balloons were up from daylight to dark.

Defences. Fresh earth has been thrown up from Uncovered Trench near the River LYS.

Movement. While the heavy shelling of FLOEGSTEERT was taking place, and observer using a telescope could be seen in SCREENED FARM, C.5.b.5.5. Transport was heard in rear of LAUNDRY between 10.45 and 11 P.M.

Stanley Rogers Capt  
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No. 0. 28/148

Headquarters,

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

6th July 1917.

4th Aus. Infantry Brigade  
C. R. E.  
4th Aus. Pioneer Battalion

Defensive Arrangements

Now that the organization of the Defensive System between the WARNAVE and the DOUVE has taken definite shape, the following points require consideration.

1. Linking up with the troops on right and left.
  - (a) This has already been done on the right.
  - (b) On the left, G.O.C. 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade is arranging with G.O.C. 11th Aus. Infantry Brigade for crossing places over the River DOUVE to be constructed just W. of FME DE LA CROIX and in the neighbourhood of U.11.a.4.9. This will enable parties to cross even in the wet weather. No attempt will be made to link up the trenches of the two Divisions, but the gap between will be wired and arrangements made to cover it with H.Q. fire.

The left of the Subsidiary Line will be swung up to the bridge at U.10.a.06.58. where it will connect with the 3rd Aus. Division.
2. Wiring. Wiring of the various lines, especially the SUPPORT Line, which is the main fighting line, must be pushed on with. Small wiring parties working every night produce the best results, and prevent casualties.
3. Living Accommodation. Living accommodation, especially for troops in the Support Line, must now be taken in hand. At present too many live in the Support and Subsidiary Lines. This leads to "undercutting" the trenches which must be stopped at once. Living accommodation must be made in rear of each line. A limited amount of accommodation may be prepared by cutting slits off the main communication trenches behind each line but only a small number of men should be accommodated in this way as it is liable to lead to the blocking of communication trenches when a rush is made to man the line.
4. Demolition of old German Trenches. This will be a considerable undertaking especially on the right of the Sector, but where it is not possible to do it at present, the trenches which are not used should be blocked and notices put up to that effect. This prevents those who are new to the Sector losing their way.
5. Enfilade Fire. Hostile enfilade fire in the right half of the Sector, which is commanded by the high ground near AU CHASSEUR CABARET requires consideration. Steps must be taken to prevent the fire bays being enfiladed from the left.

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6. "Slits" off Communication Trenches. Both ULTIMO AVENUE and ANTON'S AVENUE, especially the latter, are long communication trenches made very straight and liable to be enfiladed. Short "slits" must be dug off these trenches at intervals, to permit of parties moving up the trench taking temporary refuge in them if the enemy commences shelling the communication trenches.

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Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy to -

12th Aus. Infantry Brigade  
13th " " "  
4th N.Z. " "

APP XI  
War DiarySECRET.

## 4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

## Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Sheet	Map Square. 1/40,000	Remarks.
<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>	36	A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK.
4th N.Z. Inf Bde.	36	B.16.c.2.9.	NIEPPE In Line.
3rd Canterbury Bn.		C.9.d.22.36.	SURREY FARM.
3rd Otago Bn.		B.28.a.8.4.	In Reserve.
3rd Wellington Bn.		B.16.c.8.6.	NIEPPE In Reserve.
3rd Auckland Bn.		B.10.d.20.85.	BRUNE RUE.
4th N.Z. M.G. Coy.		C.2.d.25.15.	GUMMERS FM.
4th N.Z. T.M. Battery.		B.16.c.0.8.	NIEPPE.
4th Aust. Inf. Brigade. H.Q.	28	U.20.a.9.9.	In Line.
13th Battalion.		U.27.d.4.8.	Right Supptg. Bn.
14th Battalion.		U.15.c.9.5.	Left " "
15th Battalion.		U.15.d.9.7.	Left Bn. In Line.
16th Battalion.		U.27.b.8.3.	Right " " "
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.)		U.15.a.15.05.	
4th A.L.T.M. Battery)			
12th Aust. Inf. Brigade H.Q.	36	B.3.d.9.8.	Bde. in Support.
45th Battalion.	28	B.19.b.3.8.	CATACOMBS.
46th Battalion.	36	U.13.c.5.2.	
47th Battalion.	28	T.10.d.85.35.	RED LODGE.
48th Battalion.	36	T.10.d.7.5.	UNDERHILL FM.
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.		B.4.c.6.6.	LEDON.
12th A.L.T.M. Battery.		B.4.c.4.8.	ROMAPIN.
13th Aust. Inf. Brigade. H.Q.		B.2.a.7.7.	
49th Battalion.		B.2.a.6.6.	
50th Battalion.	28	B.2.a.7.5.	
51st Battalion.	36	T.20.c.4.1.	DE SEULE.
52nd Battalion.		B.1.a.7.2.	
13th Aust. M.G. Coy.		B.1.a.7.2.	
13th A.L.T.M. Battery		B.2.a.8.9.	
<u>Divisional Artillery H.Q.</u>	36	A.17.c.65.25.	STEENWERCK.
10th A.F.A. Brigade.		T.21.d.20.10.	
11th A.F.A. Brigade.		B.16.c.10.90.	
Divisional T.A. H.Q.		21 Rue de ARMENTIERES, NIEPPE.	
Div. Ammunition Column.		B.9.c.6.2.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	36	STEENWERCK.	
4th Aust. Field Coy.)		B.1.d.9.6.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.)		B.4.a.5.3.	
13th Aust. Field Coy.		A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK.
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		T.10.d.15.05.	
4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	28		
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>	36	STEENWERCK.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		A.10.	
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.		"	
Supply Column.		STEENWERCK.	
Railhead.		"	

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A.D.M.S.	36	96 Rue de la Gare, STEENWERCK.
4th Aust. Field Ambulance		A.17.c.8.2.
12th Aust. Field Ambulance		B.2.c.3.1.
13th Aust. Field Ambulance		B.8.b.2.6.
4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Section.		A.10.c.9.1.
4th Aust. Salvage Coy.		B.8.c.3.9.

8. A.M., 7th July 1917.

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4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.WORKS REPORT - 6/7/17.

Reference 1/10,000 - Sketch attached.

Work on trenches -"A" FRONT LINE.

Right Sector. CEDILLA RESERVE, CEDAR AVENUE, CEDAR RESERVE, CEDAR DRIVE, CECIL RESERVE and UNA SUPPORT have been cleaned and repaired in many places. Fire steps were erected in CEDILLA RESERVE and UNA SUPPORT. The duck-boards in CEDILLA RESERVE, CEDAR AVENUE, CEDAR DRIVE and CECIL RESERVE were taken up, trench was cleaned and duck-boards relaid.

Left Sector. Outposts were strengthened and trench shelters erected for the garrisons. The trench between the posts varies in depth from 4 to 6 feet and is not duck-boarded.

"B" SUPPORT LINE.

Right sector. The new Support line between HARNIANS AVENUE and SUFFOLK AVENUE has been dug to a depth of 3 feet.

Left Sector. From U.28.c.20.25 to U.28.a.3.9. our old front line has been cleaned out and damaged parts rebuilt. A new trench has been cut from U.28.a.3.9. through U.22.c.55.25. to Hx2 U.22.c.7.7. using part of the old German Support line. From U.22.c.7.7. to U.16.d.7.5. a travel trench with traverses has been dug to a depth of 2 feet. Breastworks have been erected in twenty of the traverses and are almost complete. From U.16.d.7.5. to U.16.b.75.00. a shallow trench has been dug. From U.16.b.75.00 to U.11.a.1.8., there is a duck-boarded trench with an average depth of five feet. This portion is being traversed.

SUBSIDIARY LINE.

Right sector. No additional work done.

Left Sector. From MAISON 1875 to LOWNDES AVENUE the work done consisted of replacing damages caused by shell fire and replacing "A" frames. From KEEPERS HUT ROAD to edge of wood U.26.b.7.8. a fire step has been constructed. LOWNDES AVENUE has been joined to ECCLES AVENUE by a shallow duck-boarded trench which is now being revetted. Our old Support line from ECCLES AVENUE to U.21.a.8.7. has been repaired but still requires further improvements. From U.21.b.1.7. to U.15.d.5.5. the debris has been cleared away and duckboards have been relaid also repair work done to old revetment. From U.15.d.9.0. to River DOUVE the trench is dug to an average depth of seven feet and duck-boarded on trestles except for a distance of about 100 yards in isolated points. Twelve fire bays have been completed and are now ready for use. These have a good field of fire.

COMMUNICATION TRENCHES.

Right Sector. VIEW ALLEY, MILK RUN, and FLAX ALLEY have been deepened and duckboarded.

Repairs have also been done to the following - BARKENHAM AVENUE, NAPDO AVENUE, CECIL AVENUE, CECIL LANE, UNA ROW, UNA AVENUE and UNA STREET.

Left Sector. All communication trenches in this Sector now form a dry travelling route. However additional work is still required in revetting, raising duck-boards and draining.

UMPIRE AVENUE. U.28.b.3.8. to U.28.a.1.8. in good order.

This trench connects back to AYR STREET and thence to BORDER AVENUE.

UMPIRE ROW. Good from U.22.d.9.7. to U.22.d.4.4. to U.22.c.50.45

LOWNDES AVENUE/

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LOWNDES AVENUE. This is trafficable to the Support Line.  
VANCOUVER AVENUE. At the forward end of this C.T. a deviation for 300 yards has been cut but is not yet duckboarded. The remainder is in good order.  
ULTIMO AVENUE. This trench has been duckboarded throughout. A trench, average depth of 5' 6" has been dug across old NO MAN'S LAND and the RUSSIAN SAP has been discarded. This trench has been duckboarded.  
ANTONS AVENUE. Owing to the original trench becoming waterlogged 400 yards of deviations have been dug. The trench is duckboarded throughout except for a short distance where there is still a few inches of water.  
 A new C.T. has been dug from U.11.a.9.3. to U.11.a.2.1. and is in good condition.

WIRE.

Right Sector. Nil.

Left Sector.

Front Line A little wire has been put out in front of outpost positions.

Support Line. Apron fence wire has been erected as shown in sketch attached. This requires strengthening.

Subsidiary Line. From TOUQUET-BERTHE - le GHEER ROAD to ESSEX FARM an apron fence has been erected. Half the distance from LOWNDES AVENUE to U.21.a.1.7. has been wired. From the CRATER (U.16.c.0.5.) to the DOUVE an apron fence has been erected except for 200 yards near ULTIMO AVENUE where there is ~~an~~ old German wire. This wiring requires thickening.

MACHINE GUN EMBLACEMENTS

Right Sector Positions constructed at U.22.b.1.5., U.22.c.7.9., U.22.a.8.2.

Left Sector A.A. positions of circular emplacements with post mountings have been constructed at C.15.d.30.85. C.4.c.7.7., C.4.c.80.45., C.2.d.3.8., U.28.c.40.25., U.27.c.20.25. There are four improvised mountings at C.9.d.5.1., C.2.d.4.1., C.2.a.8.8., U.26.c.7.4.

A night firing position with graduated trench mounting has been built at X C.2.d.9.1.

Splinter-proof shelters for gun crews have been constructed at C.9.d.5.1., C.3.d.8.6., C.4.c.80.45., C.4.c.7.7.

TRAMWAYS

Right Sector DECAUVILLE Tramway from SURREY FARM to BUTCHERS SHOP has been repaired.

Left Sector Sidings have been constructed at the old railheads on the PROWSE POINT and FORT BOYD Lines. The extensions of these two branches are now in hand. The locations have been pegged, and grading practically completed. The state of progress of plate laying and formation are shown on attached sketch. 24 large and 22 small trucks are now in use on the system and a few broken trucks are still to be collected. The operating work shop has repaired an average of 6 trucks per day.

CABLE

Right Sector New routes of 30 pairs 7 feet deep from C.9.c.3.6. to switching dugout (WS) (under construction) at C.9.d.15.65. This is in continuation of Route in progress from B.11.d.5.6. to vicinity of Le Touquet C.10.c. Total distance buried 350 yards.

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Left Sector      New route of 44 pairs buried 7 feet deep from old system at Rifle House (U.21.c.1.7.) to old German concrete dugout at U.16.d.5.2. with intermediate switching station in old German concrete dugout in UMBO Support U.22.a.5.5. Total distance buried 2580 yards.

## 4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 134.

From 6 a.m. 6th July to 6 a.m. 7th July 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line.Our Operations.

Artillery.- Between 4.30 and 6 p.m. our heavies shelled to East of WARRETON. Divisional Artillery was active at intervals during the period, and exploded two enemy dumps; one at C.11.c.5.3. at 10.45 a.m. and the other at U.29.d.50.14 at 4.30 p.m.

Light Trench Mortars. Forty rounds fired in direction of BRIDGE HOUSE.

Patrols.- Landing stage at C.11.c.30.14 was examined. A barge is tied to the landing stage, but is of insufficient length to swing across the river, which in this locality is 15 yards wide. GRAND HATE FARM was thoroughly reconnoitered, but no sign of enemy was found. Another of our patrols which worked through PONT ROUGE to the LIS saw two small enemy patrols on the opposite bank.

Aircraft. Our planes were active during the day. Several encounters took place between our own and hostile planes. At 7.15 p.m., it is reported that one enemy plane was forced to descend behind enemy lines. Our planes caused hostile balloons to be lowered at 3.30 p.m..

Enemy Activity.

Artillery.- Enemy artillery was normal on front system, shrapnel being much used. Enemy shelling was active on back areas.- HYDE PARK CORNER, PROUSE POINT, MUD LANE and PLOEGSTEERT were all fairly heavily shelled. Attention was also paid to MAISON 1875, BUNHILL ROW, PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, MOTOR CAR CORNER and STATION REDOUBT. During the morning 15 gas shells landed near UNA TRENCH.

Machine Guns.- Enemy guns were again active last night. The number of guns to the North of LAUNDRY WOOD has been recently increased. The gun at C.5.b.5.4 fires through a hole in the wall.

Trench Mortars. - Enemy T.M.'s in the vicinity of DOL'S HOUSE were fairly active last night against our patrols South of GRAND HATE FARM.

Movement.- During the night 2 of the enemy passed close to our outpost at U.11.c.9.2. They were bombed and disappeared. At 7.40 p.m. two Germans were seen moving from river to house at U.17.d.45.50.

Defences.- Enemy were heard working about 200 yards in front of U.17.a.75.55, and a party apparently wiring were heard at U.11.d.7.7. Another working party was seen at 7.15 a.m. near SCREENED FARM.

Aircraft. - Hostile aircraft were very active yesterday over their own and our lines. During the night bombs were dropped between NIERPE and STEENWERCK and two dumps were blown up.

Miscellaneous.- Batteries at the following positions, were reported by Infantry observers, to be active yesterday, - behind hedge at V.13.d.85.70, behind hedge at V.14.c.25.05, and at C.5.c.8.7.

*L. Craig bapt*  
for

Lieut-Colonel,  
G.S., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Unit.	Sheet.	Map Square 1/40,000	Remarks.
13th Battalion.	28	U.27.b.8.3.	Right. Bn. In Line.
14th Battalion		U.16.a.20.05.	Lft. " " "
15th Battalion.		U.15.c.9.5.	Lt. Suppt. Bn.
16th Battalion.		U.27.c.4.8.	Right. " "

Other Units, no alteration.

8. a.m., 8th July, 1917.

*L. Craig Cooper*  
for.  
Brigadier-General,  
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 135.  
From 6 a.m. 7th July to 6 a.m. 8th July 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line.

### Our Operations.

Artillery. Our Artillery was fairly quiet yesterday. A certain amount of registration was carried out. The enemy battery position at D.8.a.52.10, minenwerfer position at C.11.c.75.95, and certain targets in FRELINGHEIN were all fired on.

Patrols. An Officer's patrol moved out from U.11.b.30.55 at midnight, and proceeded along course of DOUVE until held up by enemy post at U.11.b.8.3. Near this spot some damaged M.G. emplacements from which two M.G.'s. were firing.

Aircraft. Our aeroplanes were very active yesterday, and many combats took place. An enemy plane rammed one of ours which crashed at U.29.c.9.8. About the same time an enemy plane was brought down. At 5.30 p.m., 5 of our planes met an enemy patrol. Two planes came down in flames of which one was ours, and one a German.

### Enemy Activity.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was moderately active during the day but increased at 10 p.m. U.8.c. and U.14. were heavily shelled by 15 c.m. from the direction of WARNETON between 8 A.M. and Noon. Our Right Brigade received more attention from 15 c.m. than usual; STATION REDOUBT, BUTCHERS SHOP, PONT ROUGE, and LONG AVENUE, all were shelled during the day. During the night ULTIMO AVENUE and SUBSIDIARY LINE were persistently shelled with 4.2s., but very little damage was done. A few gas shells were used against the SUBSIDIARY LINE.

An enemy gun has been located at U.18.c.25.05. Flashes of 15 c.m.'s. were picked up on a true bearing of 64° from the STATION (C.9.d.).

### Machine Guns.

These were again very active last night.

### Trench Mortars.

An enemy trench mortar was observed in action at U.12.c.2.5.

### Patrols.

A party of the enemy, about 30 strong, crossed pontoon bridge at C.11.a.5.2 at 11.15 p.m., before our patrol (standing) at this place was in position. When our post went out, this party had apparently just crossed; for when our patrol was within 20 yards of the bridge, enemy opened fire wounding 2 men: our patrol replied with rifle fire and bombs and enemy party withdrew across river.

### Defences.

A working party was heard last night at BREWERY, C.17.a.2.17. New work at C.5.b.15.15 is gradually increasing. Our post at U.11.c.8.8 heard an enemy working party apparently wiring to their front.

### Miscellaneous.

An observer's telescope was seen at SCREENED FM. (C.5.b.5.4.) at 8 p.m. A fresh gap has been cut in belt of tall trees at C.12.a.6.5. A neatly concealed explosive charge was found in a dugout in enemy old front line at U.28.a.72.12. It is reported that enemy has recently been bursting his shrapnel lower than formerly.

Stanley Rogers  
Lieut-Colonel,

G.S. 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

For Official Use Only4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 136From 6 A.M. 8th July to 6 A.M. 9th July 1917Not to be taken into Front LineOur Operations

Artillery Our artillery was quieter than usual. From 2.35 P.M. to 3.10 P.M. 18 pounders carried out registration on FRELINGHIEN and DEULEMONT. The reply to enemy's barrage at 1.20 A.M. was vigorous.

Patrols The Divisional front was actively patrolled during the night. A patrol moving in the direction of River LYS was fired on from FRELINGHIEN on reaching approx. C.11.a.20.20. They report snipers were firing from the houses in FRELINGHIEN. A patrol from the left Brigade worked out in the direction of SUGAR REFINERY and reached approx. U.17.d.45.75. They report enemy holding the REFINERY and buildings in vicinity in strength with two or more machine guns. This patrol was discovered by enemy who put down a barrage lasting 40 minutes, in NO MANS LAND.

Aircraft No activity owing to poor visibility.

Enemy Activity

Raid. At 11.5 P.M. our standing patrol at U.11.d.35.65. was attacked by enemy party about 50 strong. This party using the cover supplied by a hedge and long grass, approached close to our post before they were observed. As soon as enemy were seen our post opened fire. Immediately enemy opened fire on post with trench mortar bombs from U.12.c.4.5. This continued for about 5 minutes when enemy began to appear in all directions. After putting up a vigorous fight our post which was in danger of being surrounded was compelled to withdraw to U.11.c.8.7. Two of our men are missing and although nothing definite is known of enemy casualties, it is believed these were considerable.

Artillery Enemy artillery was normally active during the period with occasional bursts of fire on forward areas. At 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. enemy shelling was very active. From 1.15 A.M. to 1.45 A.M. a heavy barrage was put down on front and support lines and communication trenches of the left Brigade. During the day the following places were shelled.- BARKENHAM AVENUE, BUTCHER'S SHOP, LONG AVENUE, SURREY FARM, DESPIERRE FARM, BUNHILL ROW, HYDE PARK CORNER (110 5.9s) At 5.40 P.M. an enemy 5.9 exploded a dump of Stokes Mortar Bombs at WIDOW'S HOUSE.

Machine Guns These were again very active last night. Guns have been located at U.29.c.7.5. and U.17.d.75.90.

Trench Mortars Enemy activity in this particular is increasing. Enemy is reported to be using heavy trench mortars against Right Battalion of Left Brigade. An active mortar is located at U.12.c.4.6.

Defences Considerable new earth is visible along CERTAIN TRENCH from C.5.d.30.95. to U.29.d.6.1. An emplacement seems to be under construction at U.29.d.2.6. Loopholes are visible in N. end of SCREENED FARM (C.5.b.5.4.) Enemy was again using this farm yesterday as an O.P.

Miscellaneous A Battery of 4 4.2s was observed firing in rear of buildings in V.19.central (T.B. of 101° from ST IVES P.O.) Two heavy howitzers were observed along road in V.19.c. and 1. (T.B. of 105° from ST IVES P.O.)

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Lieut-Colonel.  
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 137.

From 6. a.m. 9th July to 6. a.m. 10th July 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line.

Reference 28 S.W. 4 and 36 N.W. 2. 1/10,000

Our Operations.

Artillery. Artillery was exceptionally quiet. About midnight a shrapnel barrage was put down on enemy's front line in U.17.b. and U.11.d.

Patrols. Our front was actively patrolled throughout the night. Patrol from Right Brigade found a wire net stretched across the River LYS at C.11.c.3.2. A patrol from Left Brigade encountered an enemy patrol at U.11.b.6.2. After an exchange of bombs, hostile patrol was forced to retire. Enemy is still holding line of shell holes in U.11.b. and d. Posts were established at U.11.d.10.50, U.11.d.23.35 and U.11.d.25.50.

Aircraft. At 3.45p.m., one of our planes carried out a reconnaissance of enemy's lines in vicinity of FRELINGEN and then proceeded in direction of LILLE.

Enemy Operations. Hostile artillery was normally active during the last 24 hours. The front, support and C.T.'s. were intermittently shelled with 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. shells. Gas shells were used against SURREY FARM and PROUSE POINT. During the morning it was noticed that enemy shelled West bank of River LYS in vicinity of SUGAR REFINERY.

Machine Guns. Long burst of machine gun fire on the front and support line of Right Brigade. Hostile guns were firing from U.17.d.40.80 and U.17.b.85.50.

Aircraft. Hostile planes were inactive. One plane flew over U.29.a. at 9.55 A.M.

Defences. An emplacement is in course of construction at U.29.d.80.95. Working parties could be heard working on line of posts in U.11.d.

Movement. Small parties of men were observed at the following places during the afternoon:- U.29.d.80.97, C.5.b.20.75, and C.5.b.2.4.

Miscellaneous. Between 1 and 2 a.m. a large number of golden flares bursting into clusters were fired by enemy posts in vicinity of SUGAR REFINERY.

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APPENDIX XVIII  
War DiarySECRET.4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Sheet.	Map Square 1/40,000	Remarks.
<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>	36	A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK
4th N.Z. Inf. Bde.	36	B.16.c.2.9.	NIEPPE In Line.
3rd Auckland Battalion.		C.9.d.22.36.	SURREY FARM.
3rd Otago Battalion.		B.28.a.8.4.	In Reserve.
3rd Canterbury Battalion.		B.16.c.8.6.	NIEPPE In Reserve.
3rd Wellington Battalion.		B.10.d.80.85.	BRUNE RUE.
4th N.Z. Machine Gun Coy.		C.2.d.25.15.	GUNNERS FARM.
4th N.Z. T.M. Battery.		B.16.c.0.8.	NIEPPE.
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde H.Q.</u>	28	U.20.a.9.9.	In Line.
13th Battalion.		U.27.b.8.3.	Right Bn. In Line.
14th Battalion.		U.16.a.20.05.	Left " " "
15th Battalion.		U.15.c.9.5.	Left Suppt. Bn.
16th Battalion.		U.27.c.4.8.	Right " "
4th Aust. M.G. Coy. )			
4th A.L.T.M. Battery)		U.14.d.05.15.	
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	36.	B.3.d.9.8.	Bde. In Support.
45th Battalion.	28	B.19.b.3.8.	CATACOMBS.
46th Battalion.		U.13.c.5.2.	
47th Battalion.	36	T.18.d.85.35	RED LODGE.
48th Battalion.	28	T.18.d.7.5.	UNDERHILL FARM.
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.	36	B.4.c.6.6.	LEDON.
12th A.L.T.M. Battery.		B.4.c.4.8.	ROMARIN.
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		B.2.a.7.7.	
49th Battalion.		B.2.a.6.6.	
50th Battalion.		B.2.a.7.5.	
51st Battalion.	28	T.20.c.4.1.	DE SEULE.
52nd Battalion.	36	B.1.a.7.2.	
13th Aust. M.G. Coy.		B.1.a.7.2.	
13th A.L.T.M. Battery.		B.2.a.8.9.	
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	36a.	E.24.a.5.5.	VIEUX BERQUIN.
10th A.F.A. Brigade.	}	<u>Under orders, 47th Division.</u>	
11th A.F.A. Brigade.			
Div. Ammunition Column.			
<u>N.Z. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	36	A.17.c.65.25.	STEENWERCK.
1st N.Z. F.A. Brigade.		T.21.d.20.10.	
3rd N.Z. F.A. Brigade		B.16.c.10.90.	
Divisional T.M. H.Q.	21	RUE de ARMENTIERES,	NIEPPE.
Div. Ammunition Column.		B.9.c.6.2.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	36	STEENWERCK.	
4th Aust. Field Coy.)		B.1.d.9.6.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.)			
13th Aust. Field Coy.		B.4.a.5.3.	
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK.
4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	28	T.10.d.15.05.	



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Divisional Train H.Q.

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96 Rue de la Gare STEENWERCK.

4th Aust. Field Ambulance

A.17.2.8.2.

12th Aust. Field Ambulance

B.2.c.3.1.

13th Aust. Field Ambulance

B.8.b.2.6.

4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Section.

A.10.c.9.1.

4th Aust. Salvage Coy.

B.8.c.3.9.

8. a.m., 11th July 1917.*Kennedy Rogers Capt*Brigadier-General,  
Commanding 4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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Headquarters,

Reference Map 1/20,000

11th July 1917.

1. (a) The 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade will relieve the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade in the front line between the WARNAVE and the DOUVE on 13th and night 13th/14th.
- (b) 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will move into the Camps at present occupied by 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade, near DE SEULE.
2. All arrangements will be made by Brigadiers direct, and G.O.C. 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade will assume command of the front on completion of relief, which will be notified to Divisional Headquarters.
3. (a) 4 Lewis Gun of the 4th Aus. Pioneer Battalion at present with the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade, will be transferred to the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
- (b) 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade will furnish the Machine and Lewis Guns at present furnished by the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade at Battery positions and Artillery Wagon Lines.
4. Transport Lines, Rear Brigade Headquarters, etc. at present occupied by the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade, will be transferred to the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade and vice versa.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*OK. Bernard.*

Lieut-Colonel.

Issued at

*5.30pm*

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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APPENDIX

War Diary

For Official Use Only4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 178Form 6. a.m. 10th July to 6. a.m. 11th July 1917.Not to be taken into the Front Line.Reference 28' S.W. 4 and 36 N.W. 2, 1/10,000.Our Operations.

Artillery Our artillery was fairly quiet yesterday. A certain amount of registration was carried out. The following targets were fired on by Divisional Artillery - FRELINGHTEN, LAUNDRY WOOD C.5.c. and d., SCREENED FARM C.5.b.50.40., WARNETON, U.24.d.50.45., U.18.a.0.6., U.17.b.9.0., U.24.c.75.75., and U.12.b.35.35.

Patrols From the River LYS to River WARNAVE "NO MANS LAND" was reconnoitred. Voices were heard in building at C.11.c.49.85. A patrol from the Left Brigade examined UNCOMMON TRENCH and report that it is in fairly good condition and duckboarded. The RAILWAY BRIDGE at U.29.b.7.4. is completely destroyed and GRAND HAILEFARM U.23.b.0.7. has no traces of recent occupation. Posts were established at U.11.d.45.50. - U.11.d.45.70. and U.11.d.60.85.

Aircraft. Our planes patrolled the enemy's lines throughout the day and were subjected to heavy machine gun fire.

Enemy's Activity.

Artillery Hostile artillery was quieter than usual. The front line system was lightly shelled throughout the day and night.

WIDOW'S HOUSE C.9.d., SURREY FARM C.9.d., PLOEGSTEERT WOOD and HYDE PARK CORNER were shelled at intervals but not as heavily as usual. A battery of 10.5 cm guns are located at U.18.c.25.05.

Machine Guns Hostile machine gun fire was again very brisk. SURREY FARM and LONG AVENUE were kept under indirect fire throughout the night. Guns were located firing from C.11.a.7.2., C.11.c.49.85., and U.17.d.4.8.

Trench Mortars Nine shells were fired into PONT ROUGE at 5 A.M. this morning.

Aircraft Hostile planes were not as active as usual. Only two planes were observed along the Divisional front.

Defences Work continues on CERTAIN TRENCH. New work is in progress at U.29.b.8.1. and C.5.a.90.10.

Movement Small parties of men were moving between U.30.a.15.50. and U.29.b.8.1. throughout the day. Movement was again observed in vicinity of SCREENED FARM C.5.b.50.40., and UNKNOWN FARM U.29.d.6.0.

A small party were putting out wire in U.30.a. Miscellaneous Fires were visible at C.5.c.95.50., C.6.c.90.05. and C.5.d.35.98. Much train movement was observed on the light railway between BAS-WARNETON (W.8.) and ST BARBE (V.14.)

L. Craig Capt  
 Lt. Colonel.  
 G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 139.

From 6. a.m. 11th July to 6. a.m. 12th July 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line.

Reference 28 S.W.4. and 36. N.W.2. 1/10,000

#### Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was fairly quiet yesterday. Heavy artillery engaged gun positions east of DEULEMONT and Bridge at U.30.b.20.45. Divisional artillery fired on the following targets - WARNETON U.12.c.8.4., C.11.b.2.9., C.5.a.5.3., LAUNDRY WOOD C.5.c., LAUNDRY C.5.c., U.24.c.75.75., U.24.d.50.45. and U.25.b.4.3.

Patrols. The divisional front was actively patrolled during the night. A patrol from the Right Brigade encountered a hostile patrol at C.11.c.30.95. Our patrol opened fire on the enemy patrol and forced it to retire into FRELINGHIEN. From River WARNAVE to River DOUVE no hostile patrols were encountered but much enemy movement east of the River is reported.

French Mortars. Stokes Mortars were fired into wiring party in U.29.d. and an ammunition dump was exploded in UNCOVERED TRENCH.

Aircraft. Our planes patrolled the enemy's lines and were subjected to heavy anti-aircraft and machine gun fire. Several fights took place during the afternoon and one of our tri-planes was brought down, falling in rear of enemy's lines east of WARNETON. Between 1 A.M. and 2 A.M. three of our planes dropped bombs in WARNETON.

#### Enemy's Activity.

Hostile artillery was moderately active during the day, but increased at night. The front, support and communication trenches were intermittently shelled with 77 m.m. and 10.5 c.m. guns. At intervals throughout the period, the rear area was shelled by guns of all calibres. A battery of 77 m.m. guns was located at D.24.a.5.5.

Machine Guns. Hostile machine gun fire was heavy along the whole front. Guns were located firing from U.17.d.35.80, - U.17.d.2.8., and U.17.b.70.30.

Trench Mortars. Mortars were firing from the direction of U.11.d.8.8., on to our posts in U.11.d. The range was overestimated and all bombs fell between posts and front line.

Aircraft. Hostile planes were again very active on our front. About 2.30 p.m. two planes crossed our lines and destroyed three of our balloons.

Defences. New work is visible on CERTIFIED TRENCH C.11.b.15.70, and BREWERY C.17.a. A new sap is in course of construction behind hedge at C.5.b.30.75. A dugout or emplacement is in course of construction at DORIEZ FARM C.5.central.

Movement. Working parties were heard at C.11.c.38.05., U.29.b.9.1., U.30.a.9.5., and U.11.d.7.8. Transport was moving along the CHEMIN du TEMPLE ROAD from V.20.a.3.9. to V.14.c.4.0. At 10.30 p.m., a loud explosion followed by several smaller ones occurred in LAUNDRY WOOD. A railway engine (medium guage) and truck was observed moving in V.17.a.

P.T.O.

Miscellaneous.

A new shell is being fired by hostile A.A. batteries. It bursts into two distinct colours, brown and white.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 140.

From 6 a.m. 12th July to 6 a.m. 13th July 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line.

Reference 28 S.W. 4 and 36 N.W. 2. 1/10,000

#### Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was more active than usual. Heavies engaged the following targets :- WIGART FARM U.24.a., DEULEMONT along River LYS to U.11.d.20.40., and FRELINGHIEN. Divisional artillery fired occasional bursts on CERTIFIED TRENCH C.11.b., CERTAIN TRENCH C.5.central - C.5.b.5.9., WARNETON, BREWERY C.17., CEMETERY TRENCH C.11.b., and UNCUT TRENCH U.18. T.M. emplacement C.17.a.6.7., M.G. C.5.b.55.40., and Strong Point at U.11.d.9.4., were fired on with good effect.

Patrols. Patrols were active along the Divisional Front, and encountered no hostile patrols. They report that enemy is working on his line in C.5.d. and b., and U.29.d., and movement of transport East of River LYS.

Trench Mortars. Stokes Mortars fired 70 rounds at targets in LAUNDRY WOOD C.5., and vicinity with good effect.

Aircraft. Our planes patrolled the enemy's lines throughout the day, and were subjected to the usual machine gun fire. Several encounters took place, and one hostile plane was driven down in rear of our lines.

#### Enemy's Activity.

Artillery. Hostile artillery fire was heavier than usual. The front line system from River LYS to River WARNAVE was heavily shelled during the day and night. From the River WARNAVE to River DOUVE the shelling was not as heavy usual, and was distributed over the whole front. LE BIZET, PLOEGSTEERT, TOUQUET BERTHE, PLOEGSTEERT WOOD, HYDE PARK CORNER and STYVES U.15.c. and d., were shelled at intervals during the day.

Patrols. Two small patrols were seen in U.11.c. and d., and when fired on, they retired.

Machine Guns. Hostile machine gun fire was not as heavy as usual. From River WARNAVE to River LYS, NO MANS LAND was kept under long bursts of fire. Guns were located firing from U.17.b.20.85, U.17.b.9.5., and U.11.c.8.8..

Trench Mortars. A few shots were fired from the direction of FRELINGHIEN into our front line at C.10.b.9.0.

Aircraft. Hostile planes were active in rear of their own lines. On several occasions they crossed our lines and fired their M.G's. at the garrison of our front line.

Defences. New earth is visible along CERTAIN and CERTIFIED Trenches. A large screen has been erected along road from PONT DU DEULEMONT to U.30.b.37. Wiring parties were again at work in C.5.b., and d. and U.29.d.

P.T.O.

Notes on Aeroplane photos of 12/7/17.

The enemy has occupied more shell holes in U.11. and is making some progress in consolidation.

Additional posts have been established at U.11.d.4.2., U.11.d.5.3., U.11.d.62.78., and U.11.b.85.30. At U.11.d.85.90. several shell holes have been linked by a shallow trench. A shallow trench has been dug roughly parallel to the DOUVE from U.12.c.3.9. to post at U.11.b.85.30.

Signs of work are also visible in the vicinity of LA BASSE-VILLE. A new foot bridge has been constructed across LYS at U.18.a.1.0. New work has been done on trench U.17.b.50.45 to U.17.b.45.25. There is a post at U.17.b.7.5. There appears to be an emplacement (probably T.M.) at U.17.b.8.6. with a shallow trench running up to it from road at U.17.b.87.54. The work reported on CERTAIN TRENCH is verified. Enemy has a post apparently a listening post in a shell hole at U.29.c.8.8. Considerable work has been done on trenches in U.30.a. and c., between Road and the River DEULE.

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SECRET.4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.Distribution of Units.

Unit.	Sheet.	Map Square 1/40,000	Remarks.
<u>Divisional Headquarters.</u>	36	A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK. Line.
4th N.Z. Inf. Bde.	36	B.16.c.2.9.	NIEPPE In
3rd Auckland Battalion.		C.9.d.22.36.	SURREY FARM.
3rd Otago Battalion.		B.20.a.8.4.	In Reserve.
3rd Canterbury Battalion.		B.16.c.8.6.	NIEPPE In Reserve.
3rd Wellington Battalion.		B.10.d.20.85.	BRUNE RUE.
4th N.Z. Machine Gun Coy.		C.2.d.25.15.	GUNNERS FARM
4th N.Z. T.M. Battery.		B.16.c.0.8.	NIEPPE.
<u>4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	36	B.2.a.7.7.	
13th Battalion.		B.2.a.6.6.	
14th Battalion.	28	T.20.c.4.1.	
15th Battalion.	36	B.1.a.7.2.	DE SEULE.
13th Battalion.		B.2.a.7.5.	
4th Aust. M.G. Coy.		B.1.a.7.2.	
4th A.L.T.M. Battery.		B.2.a.8.9.	
<u>12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	36	B.3.d.9.8.	Bde. In Support.
45th Battalion.	28	B.19.b.3.8.	CATACOMBS.
46th Battalion.	28	U.13.c.5.2.	
47th Battalion.	36	T.18.d.85.35.	RED LODGE.
48th Battalion.		T.18.d.7.5.	UNDERHILL FARM.
12th Aust. M.G. Coy.	33	B.4.c.6.6.	LEDON.
12th A.L.T.M. Battery.		B.4.c.4.8.	ROMARIN.
<u>13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	28	U.20.a.9.9.	In Line.
49th Battalion.		U.27.b.8.3.	Right Bn. In Line.
50th Battalion.		U.27.c.4.8.	" Sppt. Bn.
51st Battalion.		U.16.a.20.05.	Left Bn. In Line.
52nd Battalion.		U.15.c.9.5.	" Sppt. Bn.
13th Aust. M.G. Coy. )		U.14.d.05.15.	
13th Aust. L.T.M. Battery.)			
<u>4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	36a.	E.24.a.5.5.	VIEUX BERQUIN.
10th A.F.A. Brigade. )			
11th A.F.A. Brigade. )			
Div. Ammunition Column. )			Under orders 47th Division.
<u>N.Z. Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	36	A.17.c.65.25.	STEENWERCK.
1st N.Z. F.A. Brigade.	28	T.21.d.20.10.	
3rd N.Z. F.A. Brigade.	28	B.16.c.10.90.	
Div. T.M. H.Q.		21 Rue de	ARMENTIERS, NIEPPE.
Div. Ammunition Column.		B.9.c.6.2.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	36	STEENWERCK.	
4th Aust. Field Coy.)		B.1.d.9.6.	
12th Aust. Field Coy.)			
13th Aust. Field Coy.		B.4.a.5.3.	
4th Aust. Div. Signal Coy.		A.17.d.5.5.	STEENWERCK.
4th Aust. Pioneer Battalion.	28.	T.10.d.15.05.	

P.T.O.

Divisional Train H.Q.

14th Coy. A.A.S.C.

7th Coy. A.A.S.C.

26th Coy. A.A.S.C.

27th Coy. A.A.S.C.

Supply Column.

Railhead.

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STEENWERCK.

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A.D.M.S.

4th Aust. Field Ambulance.

12th Aust. Field Ambulance.

13th Aust. Field Ambulance.

4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Section.

4th Aust. Salvage Coy.

36

96 Rue de La Gare STEENWERCK.

A.17.c.8.2.

B.2.c.3.1.

B.8.b.2.6.

A.10.c.9.1.

B.8.c.3.9.

8. a.m., 14th July 1917.*L. Craig Bapt.*for. Brigadier-General,  
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Appendix No 24

4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.WORKS REPORT.For Week ending 12th July 1917.Reference 1/10,000 Map attached.A Front Line.Right Sector.

GEDILLA RESERVE has been fire stepped for 25 yards. The bays have been repaired. CEDAR RESERVE has been repaired. UNA SUPPORT has been cleaned and old fire step has been shifted.

Left Sector.

Front line and outpost positions have been strengthened. In places trenches have been duckboarded.

B Support Line.Right Sector.

UNA TRENCH has been cleaned and repaired.

Left Sector.

The Support line is now trafficable throughout the whole of the sector, and the travel trench is duckboarded throughout. 35 fire bays have been completed, and 150 others have been commenced. Six splinter proof 4-men dugouts have been put in from U.22.a.7.1. to U.22.b.0.6. In rear of the travel trench between ULTIMO and ANTON'S AVENUES one living trench has been dug and excavations made for 8 two men dugouts. Two similar trenches have been commenced to the left of ANTON'S AVENUE.

C Subsidiary Line.Right Sector.

Trench in good order.

Left Sector.

This line from MAISON 1875 to ST. YVES AVENUE is now in a defensible state with firebays and M.G. posts. Necessary repairs have been done and the line is wired throughout in such a way that M.G. fire could enfilade it. Both Easter and Southern edges of FLOEGSTEERT WOOD have been wired. In the portion of the line across NO MAN'S LAND fire bays have been built. The CRATER U.15.D.8.5. is now complete as regards fire bays, accommodation and wiring. From the CRATER to the DOUVE the line is dug and duckboarded, and fire bays have been placed as in sketch. This part of the line is wired with one apron. Between the CRATER and the DOUVE, 25 cupolas for accommodation have been dug in. On the extreme left a new

trench has been dug to command the bridge over the DOUVE at U.10.a.0.6., and is connected with original Subsidiary Line by a switch. This trench still requires wiring and duckboarding.

#### D Communication Trenches.

##### Right Sector.

Damages caused by shell fire to BARKENHAM RESERVE have been repaired. Work has been done on HOREKAU AVENUE. CECIL SWITCH, and CECIL AVENUE have been cleaned and improved. CECIL LANE has been widened and made passable. NAPOO AVENUE has been repaired. LONG AVENUE, MILK RUN, and VIEW ALLEY are being revetted. The portion of LONG AVENUE destroyed by explosion at WIDOW'S HOUSE has been repaired.

##### Left Sector.

UMPIRE AVENUE, UMPIRE ROW and LOWDNES AVENUE are in good order. VANCOUVER AVENUE.

The portion of this C.T. across old NO MAN'S LAND is still waterlogged, but a long drain is being cut to mine crater East of HULL'S BURNT FM., and when this is complete, drainage will be possible. The portion of this C.T. between SUPPORT and FRONT lines still requires further work.

##### ULTIMO AVENUE.

This trench is in good order throughout. 13 drains have been cut and a certain amount of reNetting has been done.

##### SUNKEN AVENUE.

This has been dug through from SUPPORT to FRONT line but requires duckboarding.

##### ANTON'S AVENUE

The rear end of this trench has been connected with the tramway at PROUSE POINT by a short sap, thence as far as U.9.c.25.20 the trench is in good order. Then for 60 yards drainage is still required from here to SUPPORT LINE this C.T. is in good order, but some of the duckboards still require to be raised. From U.10.d.85.35. to U.11.c.65.55. the trench is in fair order. Duckboards and revetting material to complete the trench are on the spot.

On the two Northern C.T.'s., ULTIMO and ANTON'S, slits have been cut (see sketch). Considerable maintenance<sup>work</sup> has been necessary during the week, partly due to the rain, and partly ~~due~~ to hostile shell fire.

#### Wiring.

##### Right Sector.

Nil.

##### Left Sector.

##### Front Line.

A single apron has been erected from U.22.d.8.8. to U.22.b.8.1.

Support Line.

From the extreme right of this sector to U.22.a.8.4., the wire has been thickened. A thin line of wire exists from U.22.a.8.4. to U.16.d.9.2. 400 yards of pickets have been erected from U.11.a.3.2. to U.11.a.3.8., but no wire has yet been placed on them.

Subsidiary Line.

The new work near bridge head on DOUVE is being wired. In other places along the line wire is being thickened.

F. Machine Gun Position.Right Sector.

Night firing positions have been constructed at C.3.c.85.25., C.3.c.9.2., C.9.d.5.1.

Left Sector.

A concrete emplacement is being constructed at U.22.c.30.73. Splinter proof emplacements have been completed at U.22.b.30.68., U.22.b.15.40., U.22.a.75.05. For positions of M.G. in Subsidiary Line, see attached sketch.

G. Tram Lines.Right Sector.

No change.

Left Sector.

The LANCASHIRE SUPPORT FARM - PLOEGSTEERT LINE - has been repaired, for Special R.E. Coy.

FORT BOYD. line has been extended and plates laid to U.22.a.4.3., and ballasting is proceeding. A new loop has been put in at FORT BOYD DUMP, and two loops at DIVISIONAL DUMP.

ULSTER LINE. This line has been carried forward to U.10.c.5.3., and a siding has been put in just South of TILLEVLM. Plate laying is complete to this last place. A loop has also been put in 50 yards in rear of SUBSIDIARY LINE crossing.

H. Buried Cable.

New route of 30 pairs buried 7 feet deep from Switching Dug-out (WS) at C.9.d.15.65. to dug-out (TQ) at C.10.b.1.3. Actual distance buried 1,400 yards. New Dug-out constructed at C.9.d.15.65. and old dug-out rebuilt at C.10.b.1.3. New lateral route 14 pairs buried 7 feet deep from (WS) C.9.d.15.65. to DESPIERRE FARM (DF) at C.3.c.8.6. Actual distance buried 1,150 yards.

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4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION - INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 141.

d. 7. 0 3 From 6. a.m. 13th July to 6. a.m. 14th July 1917.

Not to be taken into the Front Line.

Reference 28 S.W. 4 and 36 N.W. 2 1/10,000.

Our Operations.

Artillery. Our artillery was very active in front of the Right brigade Sector. Divisional Artillery engaged the following targets:- FREILINGHIEN, LAUNDRY WOOD, C.5.a.78.00., C.5.c.70.40., CERTIFIED, CERTAIN and UNCUT TRENCHES. LAUNDRY C.5.c., has been completely demolished. Howitzers engaged several hostile batteries with good effect.

Patrols. The Divisional Front was actively patrolled throughout the night. A patrol from the right came in contact with a hostile patrol at C.11.a.38.22. They were engaged with machine gun and rifle fire, and forced to retire into FREILINGHIEN. No enemy patrols were encountered on the Left brigade Sector. All patrols report much enemy movement and work East of the River LYS.

Trench Mortars.

Stokes Mortars again fired at selected targets in LAUNDRY WOOD C.5., new work in C.5.a. and b., and LAUNDRY C.5.c.

Aircraft. Our planes patrolled the enemy's lines throughout the day and were fired on by anti-aircraft and machine guns.

Enemy's Activity.

Operations. Under cover of shrapnel and T.M. barrage a party of enemy, 25 to 30 strong, twice attempted to raid one of our posts at U.11.d.9.1., about 1.2.m. this morning. They were able to approach the post close enough to throw bombs, but were eventually driven off by rifle and Lewis gun fire. Investigation of the ground used by the enemy showed that the raiding party suffered casualties.

Artillery. Hostile artillery was quieter than usual during the day. From 10.p.m. on, the fire became heavier on forward areas. PLOEGSTEERT WOOD was also shelled. Two guns were located firing from road V.25.b.25.20., and one from U.24.a.50.58.

Machine Guns. Hostile machine gun fire was not as heavy as usual.

Trench Mortars. Hostile mortars fired about 50 minenwerfer bombs into our front line in C.10.b. A trench mortar was located firing from U.17.b.6.4.

Aircraft. Hostile planes were not as active as usual. On several occasions they crossed our lines but were driven back by anti-aircraft and machine gun fire.

P.T.O.

Defences. Work still continues on CERTAIN TRENCH in C.5.b. Working parties were wiring in U.29.d., and U.17.b.6.4.

Movement. Transport was heard moving along the road in C.5.b. and U.29.d. Small party of men at work on CERTIFIED TRENCH C.5.a.

Miscellaneous. A large fire was observed in DEULEMONT at 10.30. p.m.

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