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OF

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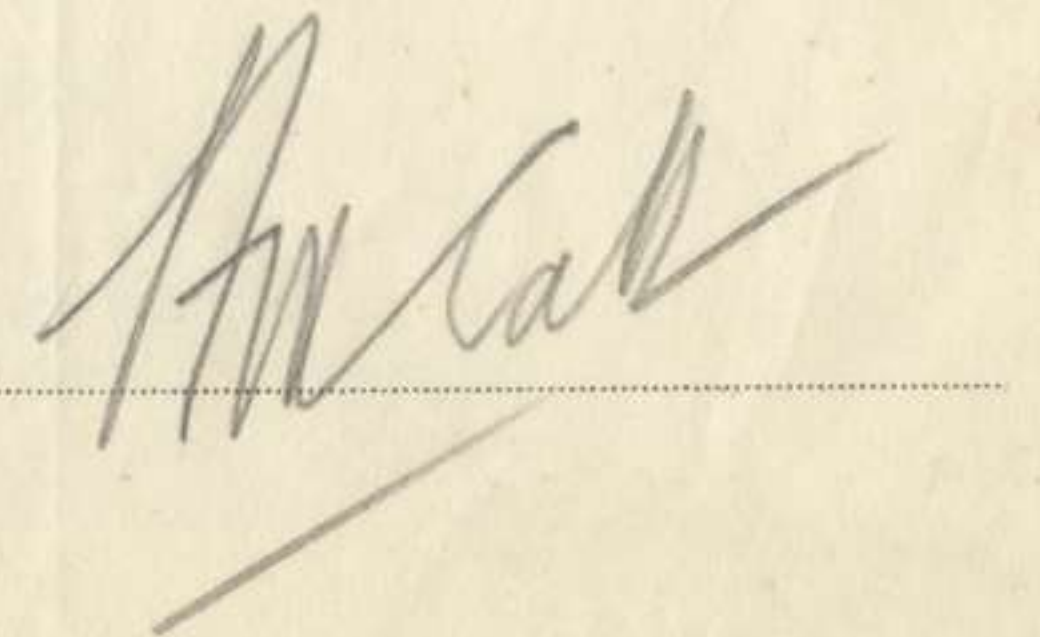
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRENCH MORTARS

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAVELENCOURT.	1/4/18.		Nil.	
BEAUCOURT.	2/4/18.		Received orders to move from White Chateau, BAVELENCOURT to BEAUCOURT. Move completed by noon. Difficulty experienced in obtaining billets.	
	3/4/18.		C.R.A. gives orders that T.M. Batteries are to find a guard for Divisional H.Qrs.. 2/Lt. A.E.F. Smith took charge of guard of 1 Sergeant and 12 O/ranks. 2/Lt. F. Hutchison took charge of the relief.	
	4/4/18.		4 Signallers are detached to 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade to man a visual signalling station.	
	5/4/18.		BEAUCOURT shelled intermittently with shrapnel and 4.2" H.E. the latter being mostly duds. The windows in the billet are broken as a result of a large shell landing in the garden.	
	6/4/18.		Nil )	
	7/4/18.		Nil. )	
	8/4/18.		Nil. )	
	9/4/18.		Lieut. G.C. GARVIN and 2/Lt. A.E.F. SMITH are detached to 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade. 2/Lt. F. HUTCHISON and 2/Lt. J.P. FULLERTON are detached to 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.	
	10/4/18.		Guard on Divisional Headquarters is relieved by a guard from 2nd Aust. Div. Infantry. Lieut. F.A. GAUNT proceeded for duty at A.R.P. CONTAY.	
	11/4/18.		Nil. )	
	12/4/18.		Nil. )	
	13/4/18.		Nil. )	
	14/4/18.		Nil. )	
	15/4/18.		Nil. )	
	16/4/18.		Nil. )	
	17/4/18.		D.T.M.O. and Os. C. 7th and 8th Med. T.M. Batteries made reconnaissance for 6" gun positions to cover the Divisional Reserve Line which runs from approximately C 8 d 5010 to D 19 central. Positions were selected in D 19 for 4 guns and Battery Headquarters.	
	18/4/18.		Nil.	
	19/4/18.		2/Lt. G.C. BENSON taken on strength from 4th Aust. D.A.C. and posted to 7th Battery.	
	20/4/18.		Nil. )	
	21/4/18.		Nil. )	
	22/4/18.		Panorama drawing of country in front of Divisional Reserve line drawn by 2/Lt. BENSON. Received instructions to take over 3 6" guns in position from 12th Division at Sheet 57d S.E. , W 20 e 5588, W 20 e 6680, W 20 e 8078. D.T.M.O. with D.T.M.O. 12th Div. and O.C. 8th Battery proceeded to inspect gun positions which are only accessible at night.	
	23/4/18.		Returned at 1.30 a.m. 24/4/18.	



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEAUCOURT.	24/4/18.		8th Battery relieved 12th Division Battery in the line at night. Orders regarding the relief were cancelled but too late to prevent the relief taking place. Guns are therefore manned by 8th Aust. Med. T.M. Battery.	
	25/4/18.		A new Battery Headquarters was selected at V 23 c 3060 and dugouts commenced. Received orders that relief had now take place after cancellation had been arranged.	- A
WARLOY	26/4/18.		Billets arranged for at WARLOY for 7th Aust. Med. T.M. Battery and D.T.M.O. H.Qrs.	- A
	27/4/18.		Remainder of 7th Aust. Med. T.M. Battery and H.Qrs. moved to billets Nos. 11 and 17 RUE DE LA MARE FRANCIERIE, WARLOY. D.T.M.O. endeavoured to find a more suitable position for Battery Headquarters. 5 other ranks returned from guard duty on 18 pdr. gun positions in HENENCOURT WOOD.	- A
	28/4/18.		D.T.M.O. in company with O.C. 8th Battery made a reconnaissance of the line to find gun positions. Nearly all the country is under observation to the enemy. Reserve 6" Gun positions were selected at Sheet 57d S.E., V 24 c 8570 and V 24 d 2080. Lieut. W. CHALONER of 7th Battery proceeded with 6 men to report to H.Qrs. 4th Aust. Div. Arty. to take over 2 guns in the line. 5 men reported back from duty with A.P.M., 4th Aust. Div.	- A
	29/4/18.		Remainder of men on guard at HENENCOURT WOOD returned. Officer and men of 7th Battery returned from duty at A.R.P. CONTAY. Received verbal orders that 2nd Aust. Div. T.Ms. are to take over from 4th Aust. Div. T.Ms.	- A
	30/4/18.		D.T.M.O. and 7th and 8th Med. T.M. Batteries moved in 4 motor lorries to RIVERY and took over billets in the village.	- A

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