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OF

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL  
(Erase heading not required.) TRENCH MORTARS.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Reference Sheet 62d S.W. 1 $\frac{7}{8}$ 20,000	
N 24 b 2070.	1/6/18.		No operations. 29 rounds ammunition destroyed by enemy shell fire. 2 6-pdr. Hotchkiss guns and ammunition withdrawn from the line and handed over to 5th Aust. Div. T.Ms.	-
	2/6/18.		3rd Aust. Div. T.Ms. relieved 4th Aust. Div. T.Ms.	-
	3/6/18.		4th Aust. Div. T.Ms. moved by 4 motor lorries to billets at EAUCOURT in 4th Army Rest Area. 50 other ranks marched.	-
	19/6/18.		Lieut. O. SALTER, 8th Battery, proceeded by train, leaving PONT REMY at 4 a.m. to LA NEUVILLE to make preliminary arrangements for relief of 5th Aust. Div. T.M.	-
	20/6/18.		Period from 3rd to 19th June has been spent in rest and training. Unit proceeded by 5 motor lorries to LA NEUVILLE and relieved 5th Aust. Div. T.Ms. Reference map 62d 1/40,000.	-
LaNEUVILL E.			The following guns were taken over in the line :- <u>7th Aust. Med. T.M. Battery.</u>   6" T.M. at P 8 b 0315.   6" T.M. at P 8 b 1035.   15-pdr. B.L.C. Anti-tank gun at P 19 b 0090.   15-pdr. B.L.C. Anti-tank gun at P 8 c 2000. Battery Headquarters at LA NEUVILLE. <u>8th Aust. Med. T.M. Battery.</u>   6" T.M. at J 29 c 4500.   6" T.M. at J 29 c 1500.   6" T.M. at J 26 b 2050. } Reserve guns.   6" T.M. at J 26 b 2560. }   6-pdr. Hotchkiss Anti-tank gun at J 34 a 6040.   6-pdr. Hotchkiss Anti-tank gin at J 29 c 8070. Battery Headquarters at J 26 d 1535.	
	22/6/18.		At 12.30 a.m. enemy obtained a direct hit on 6" T.M. at P 8 b 0315, destroying the bed and 30 rounds of ammunition also dugouts and gun pit. The piece was blown 50 yards away. At 2.50 a.m., 8th Battery fired 18 rounds on J 35 d 5 1 and 17 rounds on M.G. position at J 36 c central.	-



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LANEVILLE.	23/6/18.		8th Battery carried out the following shoots :- 2.45 a.m. 14 rounds on M.G. at J 36 c 55 and 22 rounds on sunken road at J 36 c. 3.10 a.m. 7 rounds on M.G. at J 35 d 51. 3.45 a.m. 9 rounds and 20 rounds on Minenwerfers at J 35 d 4125 and J 35 d 9444, respectively. Retaliation "Nil". At midnight the enemy shelled J 26 d with 13 rounds 4.2.	
	24/6/18.		8th Battery carried out the following shoots :- 9.45 p.m. 23/6/18, 14 rounds on M.G. at J 35 d 51. 14 rounds on X-roads at J 36 c 55. 3.5 a.m. 24/6/18, 14 " " Road at J 36 c 67. 11 " " M.W. at J 35 d 9444. 4.10 a.m. " 19 " " Road at J 36 c 7085. 6 " " M.W. at J 35 d 9444.	- A
	25/6/18.		Enemy attitude very quiet. Some bombing of forward areas during night. 6-pdr. Hotchkiss Anti-tank gun at J 29 c 6070 was moved to J 29 c 5550, which is a much more suitable position with nearly 180° field of fire. 8th Battery operations:- 2.45 a.m. 13 rounds on Sunken Road in J 36 c. 4.30 a.m. 8 rounds on Sunken Road in J 36 c. 4 rounds on M.W. at J 35 d 9444.	- A
	26/6/18.		8th Battery operations. 12.5 a.m. 6 rounds on J 35 d 2120. 8 " on J 35 d 8170. 2.35 a.m. 5 " on J 36 c 6070. 3.35 a.m. 9 " on J 36 a 0614. 5 " on J 36 b 8209.	- A
	27/6/18.		8th Battery operations. 12 rounds on J 35 d 5010. 9 " on J 36 c 7085. 7 " on P 5 a 0050.	- A



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LA NEUVILLE.	27/6/17.		7th Battery fired 15 rounds on P 9 a 9090 - strong point. Enemy retaliated with pineapple bombs. Aerial activity very great during afternoon. A great deal of bombing about 4.30 p.m.. Shelling of forward system by the enemy at intervals during the night of 26/27th and early morning of 27th - principally 77s and 4.2s.	
	28/6/18.		8th Battery operations. 4 rounds on Trench P 4 b 8005. 6 " " Road J 36 c 7085. 6 " " M.G. J 35 d 5 1. 9 " " Road J 36 c central. 16 " " Road J 36 c 5-6. } No retaliation.	-A
	29/6/18.		Aerial activity very great. About 60 of our planes were up at 8 p.m. 27th. 8th Battery operations. 2.5 a.m. 10 rounds on trench P 5 a 0 5. 3.55 a.m. 12 rounds on Trench P 4 b 8005. 8 " " M.G. J 35 d 5 1.	-A
	30/6/18.		8th Battery operations. 12.10 a.m. 9 rounds on road J 36 c 5 5. 2.55 a.m. 9 " " J 36 c 6 7. 12 " " suspected M.G. P 5 b 8 9. 4.0 a.m. 21 " " road J 36 c 7085. 14 " " M.G. J 35 d 7 4. 12 " " trench P 4 b 8005. 12.10 a.m. enemy shelled Battery Headquarters at J 26 d 1535 with 20 rounds 4.2.	-A

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