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### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

A & Q BRANCH.  
FOURTH ARMY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
QUERRIEU.	1916.			
	1/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888 <u>Reinforcements</u> 16 Officers, 918 Other Ranks. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 21 Officers, 803 Other Ranks.	
	2/12.		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888 <u>Reinforcements</u> 9 Officers, 568 Other Ranks. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 23 Officers, 1035 Other Ranks.	
	3/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888 <u>Reinforcements</u> 18 Officers, 1412 Other Ranks. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 18 Officers, 942 Other Ranks.	
	4/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888 <u>Reinforcements</u> 19 Officers, 680 Other Ranks. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 29 Officers, 777 Other Ranks.	
	5/12.		The D.A.&Q.M.G. attended a Conference at G.H.Q. held by the Director General of Transportation. <u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888 <u>Reinforcements</u> 23 Officers, 850 Other Ranks. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 25 Officers, 776 Other Ranks.	
	6/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888 <u>Reinforcements</u> 16 Officers, 1088 Other Ranks. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 28 Officers, 716 Other Ranks.	

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QUERRIEU.	1916.			225																		
	7/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888  <u>Reinforcements</u> 22 Officers, 703 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 23 Officers, 512 Other Ranks.</p>																			
	8/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888  <u>Reinforcements</u> 11 Officers, 606 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 34 Officers, 513 Other Ranks.</p>																			
	9/12		<p>D.A.&amp;Q.M.G. attended a Conference at G.H.Q. at which Army Commanders, M.G's.G.S, and D.A.&amp;Q.M.G's were present.                      Subjects discussed were Schools of Instruction, state of Defences, collection of N.C.O's for Commissions, training of Corps Mounted Troops.</p>																			
	10/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888  <u>Reinforcements</u> 41 Officers, 1051 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 38 Officers, 737 Other Ranks.</p> <p>A party of General Managers of English Railways paid a visit to the Fourth Army area. The party consisted of:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Mr G.S.CALTHROP.</td> <td style="width: 33%;">General Manager,</td> <td style="width: 33%;">L &amp; N.W.Railway.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr C.H.DENT.</td> <td>General Manager,</td> <td>Great Northern Rly.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr J.A.F.ASPINALL.</td> <td>General Manager,</td> <td>L &amp; Y Railway.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr F.TATLOW.</td> <td>Asst.General Manager,</td> <td>Midland Railway.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sir ROBERT TURNBULL.</td> <td>Now advisory after Superintendent of the Line and General Manager.</td> <td>L &amp; N.W.Railway.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr A.WATSON,</td> <td>Superintendent of the Line.</td> <td>L &amp; Y Railway.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The following route was followed:- BUIRE Regulating Stations EDGEHILL, FILE FACTORY,</p>	Mr G.S.CALTHROP.	General Manager,	L & N.W.Railway.	Mr C.H.DENT.	General Manager,	Great Northern Rly.	Mr J.A.F.ASPINALL.	General Manager,	L & Y Railway.	Mr F.TATLOW.	Asst.General Manager,	Midland Railway.	Sir ROBERT TURNBULL.	Now advisory after Superintendent of the Line and General Manager.	L & N.W.Railway.	Mr A.WATSON,	Superintendent of the Line.	L & Y Railway.	
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QUERRIEU.	1916. 10/12 (Contd.)		<p>and the Station of MEAULTE NORTH. The party then proceeded to FRICOURT village and saw the mine craters and general state of the ground. Thence by road via CONTALMAISON to BAZENTIN, where it took train to LONGUEVAL and returned down the MEAULTE line as far as WILLOW AVENUE; thence by car to PLATEAU Station and back to Army H.Q. via BRAY - BELAIR - CORBIE.</p> <p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888. <u>Reinforcements</u> 41 Officers, 3871 Other Ranks. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 21 Officers, 802 Other Ranks.</p>	226																		
	11/12		<p>The weekly A &amp; Q Conference was held at A.H.Q. Agenda of proceedings is attached (Appendix B).</p> <p>A second party of General Managers paid a visit to the Fourth Army Area and carried out the same programme as the first party on the 10th December. The second party consisted of:-</p> <table data-bbox="901 1239 2533 1481"> <tr> <td>Sir GEORGE GIBB,</td> <td>Late General Manager,</td> <td>N.E. Railway.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>now Chairman of the Road Board.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sir ALEXANDER BUTTERWORTH,</td> <td>General Manager,</td> <td>N.E. Railway.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr H.W. THORNTON,</td> <td>General Manager,</td> <td>G.E. Railway.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr D.A. MATHESON,</td> <td>General Manager,</td> <td>Caledonian Railway.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Major G.S. SZLUMPER,</td> <td>P.A. to General Manager,</td> <td>L. &amp; S.W. Railway.</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888. <u>Reinforcements</u> 20 Officers, 2187 Other Ranks. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 19 Officers, 680 Other Ranks.</p>	Sir GEORGE GIBB,	Late General Manager,	N.E. Railway.		now Chairman of the Road Board.		Sir ALEXANDER BUTTERWORTH,	General Manager,	N.E. Railway.	Mr H.W. THORNTON,	General Manager,	G.E. Railway.	Mr D.A. MATHESON,	General Manager,	Caledonian Railway.	Major G.S. SZLUMPER,	P.A. to General Manager,	L. & S.W. Railway.	Appendix
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QUERRIEU.	1916.				
	12/12.		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888  <u>Reinforcements</u> 29 Officers, 1384 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 26 Officers, 999 Other Ranks.</p>		
	13/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,888  <u>Reinforcements</u> 19 Officers, 1839 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 34 Officers, 1173 Other Ranks.</p>		
	14/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,892  <u>Reinforcements</u> 23 Officers, 1787 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 28 Officers, 1529 Other Ranks.</p>		
	15/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,892  <u>Reinforcements</u> 25 Officers, 655 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 32 Officers, 1352 Other Ranks.</p>		
	16/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,892  <u>Reinforcements</u> 47 Officers, 1049 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 26 Officers, 143 Other Ranks.</p>		
	17/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,892  <u>Reinforcements</u> 100 Officers, 2541 Other Ranks.  <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 30 Officers, 1209 Other Ranks.</p>		

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QUERRIEU.	1916. 18/12		<p>Prisoners of War 20,892.                      Reinforcements 53 Officers, 1,822 O.R.                      Casualties (including sick evacuations) 30 Officers, 1,041 O.R.</p>	
	19/12		<p>The weekly A &amp; Q Conference was held at A.H.Q. Agenda of Conference is attached (Appendix C).                      Prisoners of War 20,892.                      Reinforcements 17 Officers, 1,061 O.R.                      Casualties (including sick evacuations) 30 Officers, 944 O.R.</p>	Appendix C.
	20/12		<p>Prisoners of War 20,892.                      Reinforcements 18 Officers, 1,119 O.R.                      Casualties (including sick evacuations) 22 Officers, 878 O.R.</p>	
	21/12		<p>Prisoners of War 20,892.                      Reinforcements 26 Officers, 1,244 O.R.                      Casualties (including sick evacuations) 22 Officers, 857 O.R.</p>	
	22/12		<p>Prisoners of War 20,892.                      Reinforcements 24 Officers, 1,598 O.R.                      Casualties (including sick evacuations) 21 Officers, 787 O.R.</p>	
	23/12		<p>Prisoners of War 20,897.                      Reinforcements 25 Officers, 2,160 O.R.                      Casualties (including sick evacuations) 31 Officers, 725 O.R.</p>	

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QUERRIEU.	1916.				
	24/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,897. <u>Reinforcements</u> 20 Officers, 1,176 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 28 Officers, 917 O.R.		
	25/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,898. <u>Reinforcements</u> 3 Officers, 440 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 20 Officers, 837 O.R.		
	26/12		The weekly A & Q Conference was held at A.H.Q. Agenda of Conference attached (Appendix D).  <u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,898. <u>Reinforcements</u> 2 Officers, 649 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 13 Officers, 683 O.R.		Appendix D.
	27/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,901. <u>Reinforcements</u> 11 Officers, 672 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 42 Officers, 851 O.R.		
	28/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,901. <u>Reinforcements</u> 36 Officers 1558 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 24 Officers, 888 O.R.		
29/12		<u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,901. <u>Reinforcements</u> 37 Officers, 585 O.R. <u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 25 Officers, 937 O.R.			

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	1916.			230
QUERRIEU.	30/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,901.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> 22 Officers, 1,862 O.R.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 28 Officers, 990 O.R.</p>	
	31/12		<p><u>Prisoners of War</u> 20,903.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements</u> 49 Officers, 1,329 O.R.</p> <p><u>Casualties</u> (including sick evacuations) 26 Officers, 950 O.R.</p>	
			<p>Headquarters, Fourth Army. 3.1.17.</p>	<p>Appendix A :- Q SUMMARIES Nos. 257 - 278.</p>
			<p><i>Rommey</i></p> <p>Lieut.-Colonel, A/ A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army.</p>	



APPENDIX A.

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Q SUMMARIES.

Nos. 257-278.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY  
SUB-PARK '0' BRANCH (357)

477. OVE.

- (i) 87th (Canadian) Siege Battery (9.2" how) is leaving the Fourth Army (I AMZAC Corps) by rail for the First Army between December 1st and December 11th.
- (ii) 1st Canadian Heavy Battery (4 - 80 pdrs.) is leaving the Fourth Army (I AMZAC Corps) by rail for the First Army between December 5th and December 15th.
- (iii) 98th Canadian Siege Battery (3" How. 27 cwt.) is leaving the Fourth Army (I AMZAC Corps) by road for the First Army between December 5th and December 11th.
- (iv) Ref. 409 (ii) The 23rd Divisional Artillery will be accompanied by No. 27 Ammunition Sub-Park.
- (v) No. 41 Ammunition Sub-Park now with 23rd Divisional Artillery is being transferred to 50th Divisional Artillery in the place of No. 23 Ammunition Sub-Park.

478. INFORMATION.

(1) 474 (ii) is cancelled and the following timings should be substituted:-

<u>STATION.</u>	<u>DOWN.</u>		<u>UP.</u>	
	<u>ARR.</u>	<u>DEP.</u>	<u>ARR.</u>	<u>DEP.</u>
ALBERT.		1.59	21.22	
BUIRE.	2.09	2.20	21.07	21.12
ELICOURT.	2.32	2.33	21.02	21.03
CORBIE.	2.42	2.43	20.51	20.52
DAULS.	2.48	2.49	20.45	20.46
AKERS.	3.23	3.51	19.50	20.10
HADEST.	4.34	4.35	19.07	19.08
LOMPHE.	4.48	4.55	18.53	18.57
LOMBROY.	7.03	7.45	17.55	17.10
ABALCOURT.	9.57	10.20	14.57	14.57
SARQUELUX.	11.12	11.17	14.00	14.05
BUCHY.	11.57	12.50	13.13	13.23
HOMBY.	13.10	13.13	11.40	11.43
DAMPTAL.	13.31	13.52	10.57	10.50
ROUBA R.S.	15.14	15.14	10.13	10.14
HAVIE.	15.59			9.32

(ii) Changes of railroad:-

Guards Division.



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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.  
SUMMARY 'Q' STANCH (958).

479. MOVE.

- (i) Two Brigades 4th Division are moving tomorrow by rail from Back Area to Forward Area.
- (ii) Ref. 473 (i) No. 4 Reserve Park left First Army today and is due in Fourth Army (XIV Corps area) on 5th inst.

480. INFORMATION.

- (i) Whenever accommodation is allotted at ST SAUVEUR application for accommodation is to be made to Area Commandant PLESSELLES.
- (ii) Lt. Col. P. Stallard, R.E. Fourth Army Roads Officer has arrived and assumed his appointment.
- (iii) The Leave Train from NAURE will arrive GUIRE as usual on and from evening of 4th inst. The front portion will continue to ALBERT and the rear portion will go to PLATEAU, being due there 23.03 hours. On and from morning of 5th inst. a half train will depart from PLATEAU at 30 minutes after midnight of 4th inst. joining another half train from ALBERT at GUIRE which departs from ALBERT as usual.

(iv) Change of Railhead:-

4th Divn. less Arty.	CORPIE.	On Decr. 3rd.
& 1 Inf. Bde.		" " "
3rd Division.	GAACHES.	" " "

*G. Smyth - Observer*

Hd. Qrs. Fourth Army.  
2nd Decr. 1918.

Ment:-Colonel,  
A/ A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army.

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N.B. No Q Summary on the above date.

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4th December, 1916.

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SECRET.HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.SUBJECT: 'Q' B.LANCH (258).179. MOVE.

- (i) Ref. 471 (iv) for transfer from XIV Corps to XV Corps 155th Heavy Battery read 124th Heavy Battery.
- (ii) A Brigade Group of the 33rd Division moved yesterday from the back area to the forward area XV Corps.
- (iii) The Pioneer Battalion of the 4th Division moved yesterday from the back area to the forward area XV Corps.
- (iv) A Brigade Group of the 33rd Division moved today from the back area to the forward area XV Corps.
- (v) Ref. 477 (i), 97th (Canadian) Siege Battery (P.S. How) will move by rail from the Fourth Army to First Army on the 8th December. (I Am. AC Corps)
- (vi) Ref. 477 (ii) 1st Canadian Heavy Battery (4 - 82 para) will move by rail from the Fourth Army (I Am. AC Corps) to First Army on the 9th December.
- (vii) No. 22 M.A.C. is shortly being transferred from Fifth Army to Fourth Army area.

180. INFORMATION.

- (i) XV Corps Lewis Gun, Sniping and Stokes Mortar School is established at BOUCHON in area 'C'.
- (ii) Major H.J. HICKLEY 20th Royal Fusiliers has been appointed Army Salvage Officer and is to be found at ALLONVILLE.
- (iii) A Fourth Army Artillery Camp for Artillery Training of drafts is being established at PORT KELL and will be opened about the middle of this month.
- (iv) Lieut. C.L. SMITH 234 C.A.M.E. has been selected for employment in the French Decauville Railway as a temporary measure.
- (v) Change of Railhead:-

18th Divl. Arty. ALBAC. From Decr. 5th.

*G. Smyth - Osborne*

H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
5th Decr. 1913.

Lieut. Colonel,  
a/A.Q.M.G., Fourth Army.

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SECRET.HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (259).481. MOVE.

- (1) Ref. 473 (1) and 479 (11), No.4 Reserve Park is being transferred tomorrow from XIV Corps to XV Corps by whom it will be administered.
- (11) 147 A.T.Coy.R.E. is being transferred temporarily from the Third Army to the Fourth Army on 8th Decr. It will be administered by the III Corps. It will remain for about three weeks with the Fourth Army.

482. INFORMATION.

- (1) The Office of the Branch Requisition Officer Fourth Army has been moved to 58 Rue des Chevaux ALLOUVILLE.
- (11) Major H.S.COWAN R.E. has been appointed C.R.E. Back Areas under the Chief Engineer Fourth Army. His Office is at LONG. Corps will communicate with him direct regarding all R.E. services in Fourth Army Area West of the A IENS - DOULLENS Road.
- (111) Time Table of the HOLMESTONE - BOULOGNE Mail Boat for December is attached.

*G. Smyth Osborne*

H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
8th December 1918.

Lieut. Colonel,  
a/A.Q. S.G., Fourth Army.

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	Charing X. Dep.	Falkestone. Arr.	Falkestone. Dep.	Departure of Boat from Boulogne.
Dec. 6	10.30 a.m.	12.25 p.m.	1. 0 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.
T. 7.	10.30 a.m.	12.25 p.m.	1. 0 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.
F. 8.	11.30 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.
S. 9.	11.30 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
4.10.	11.30 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
M.11.	11.30 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
T.12.	11.45 a.m.	1.50 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
W.13.	12.25 p.m.	2.25 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.
T.14.	12.25 p.m.	2.25 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.
F.15.	1. 0 p.m.	2.50 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	3.50 p.m.
S.16.	1. 0 p.m.	2.50 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	3.30 p.m.
S.17.	1. 0 p.m.	2.50 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	3.50 p.m.
M.18.	11.30 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.
T.19.	11.45 a.m.	1.50 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
W.20.	12.25 p.m.	2.25 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.
T.21.	1. 0 p.m.	2.50 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.
F.22.	10.30 a.m.	12.25 p.m.	1. 0 p.m.	1. 0 p.m.
S.23.	10.30 a.m.	12.25 p.m.	1. 0 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.
4.24.	11. 0 a.m.	12.50 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
M.25.	11.30 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
T.26.	11.30 a.m.	1.25 p.m.	2. 0 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
W.27.	11.45 a.m.	1.50 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.
T.28.	12.25 p.m.	2.25 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.
F.29.	1. 0 p.m.	2.50 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	3.30 p.m.
S.30.	1. 0 p.m.	2.50 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	3. 0 p.m.
4.31.	1. 0 p.m.	2.50 p.m.	3.30 p.m.	3.30 p.m.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.SUMMARY 'Q' SPATCH (260).483. MOVE.

- (i) The Ambala Cavalry Pioneer Bn. is being transferred from Fourth Army (XIV Corps) to Cavalry Corps area by rail on 12th Decr. in order to rejoin its Division.
- (ii) The Canadian Cavalry Pioneer Bn. is being transferred from the Cavalry Corps to Fourth Army area by rail on 12th Decr. and is allotted to XV Corps by whom it will be administered.

484. INFORMATION.

- (i) The D.D.S.&T. Investigation (Accounts) Department has moved to ST GRATIEN.
- (ii) Change of Railhead:-
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|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 4th Div. less Arty. | BELAIR.         | From Decr. 8th (inc.)       |
| 33rd " " "          | BEL AIR.        | " " " (" )                  |
| 23rd " Arty.        | BOUCQUELAISSON. | (Third Army area) On " 9th. |
| XV Corps.           | EDGEHILL.       | From Dec. 9th (inc.)        |
| 4th Div. Arty.      | EDGEHILL        | " " " "                     |
| 29th Division.      | EDGEHILL.       | " " 11th "                  |
| XV Corps )          |                 |                             |
| 4th Division: )     | BEL AIR.        | " " 10th "                  |
| 33rd " )            |                 |                             |

*G. Smyth - C. Lawrence*

H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
7th Decr. 1917.

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BU 'ARY 'Q' BRANCH (251)

485. MOVE.

- (1) -- Nos 238 and 239 A.T. Coe. E. F. are being transferred from XIV Corps to XV Corps on Decr. 10th.
- (11) 12th (Labour) Bn. B. C. L. I. is being transferred from XIV Corps to XV Corps on December 10th.

486. INFORMATION.

- (1) The postal address of the Administrative Commandant Army Railheads is

Administrative Commandant,  
Fourth and Fifth Army Railheads  
P.O. A.4.

Telegraphic address "Railsection "UBBY"

*G. Smyth - G. Bourne.*

H. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
8th Decr. 1918.

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A.A.G. Fourth Army.

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SU. ARE. 10' BLANCHE (222).

437. MOVE.

- (i) No. 20 A.T. Coy. R.E. is being transferred temporarily from Second Army to Fourth Army (I A.M.A.C.) on 15th Decr.
- (ii) 37th (Labour) Bn. Royal Fusiliers is being transferred from I A.M.A.C. Corps to IV Corps on 10th Decr.
- (iii) No. 217 A.T. Coy. R.E. is being transferred from I A.M.A.C. Corps to IV Corps on 10th Decr.

438. INFORMATION.

(1) Change of Tailhead:-

17th Divn. less Arty.	HANOVER.	On 10th.
20th Divn.	PLATEAU.	" 11th.
40th Div.	BRECHIN.	" 11th.

*Lt. Smith & Bourne.*

H. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
9th Decr. 1918.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION (263).

489. NOTE.

- (i) 1st Canadian railway Construction Battalion has arrived in the Fourth Army area this day and will be administered by the XIV Corps.
- (ii) The R.Q. 77th Heavy Artillery Group is shortly arriving in the Fourth Army Area and is allotted to XIV Corps.
- (iii) 8 Officers and 500 O.C. of the South African Native Labour Bn. are due to arrive tomorrow in Fourth Army area and are allotted to III Corps.

490. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION.

- (i) For Q Summary No. 238 dated 5th Dec. 1918 and paragraphs therein contained read "Q Summary No. 238A. and para. 479 A, 480 A".
- (ii) All telegrams for A.C.L.R.C. Fourth Army will be addressed in future to him at MINDEN 2030 XIV Corps.

*G. Smyth Blouine*

Head Qrs. Fourth Army,  
10th Dec. 1918.

Major-General,  
A.C. Fourth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (284).

491. MOVE.

- (i) One Section No.50 Searchlight Co.R.E.(3 lights) is being transferred from G.H.Q.Troops to Fourth Army on Decr.15th and is allotted to XV Corps.
- (ii) No.7 Ammunition Sub-Park and No.51 Ammunition Sub-Park were transferred to XV Corps (allotted to 8th Divn. and 8th Divn.respectively) on 10th December.
- (iii) No.9 Reserve Park is being transferred from Fourth Army to First Army (I Corps) on Decr.13th.
- (iv) No.48 Casualty Clearing Station has moved from GROVETOWN to BRAY.
- (v) 1 Officer 90 men 248th Reg.French Territorials and 113 men of B.23 Company R.E.French Army arrive today in Fourth Army area and are being billeted at AILLY-sur-SOINE under arrangements made by XIV Corps.

492. INFORMATION.

- (i) The reorganisation of the Fourth Army Anti Aircraft Group referred to in No.478 has now been completed.

(ii) Changes of Railhead:-

4th Divn.	BRAY.	From Decr.12th (inc.)
33rd "	"	" " " "
40th "	DEL AIR.	" " " "
17th "less Arty.	CORBIE.	" " 13th "
29th Divn.less Arty.	VIGNACOURT.	" " 14th "

- (iii) The Balloons with the Fourth Army have been re-organised, and No.1 Kite Balloon Squadron has now become 4th Balloon Wing, composed as under:-

13th Balloon Coy.	Nos.3 & 4 Balloon Sections.	Attached to 1st ANZAC Corps.
14th Balloon Coy.	Nos.4 & 29 Balloon Sections	" " III Corps.
15th Balloon Coy.	No.3 Balloon Section.	" " XIV "
16th "	No.12 "	" " XV "

No.29 Balloon Section is not yet fully equipped. One more Section each will shortly join the 15th & 16th Balloon Companies.

- (iv) No Summary was issued on 11th December.

*G. Smyth - Osborne*

H.Qrs.Fourth Army,  
12th December 1919.

Lieut.Colonel,  
a/A.Q.M.G.Fourth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY "Q" BRANCH (263).

493. MOVE.

- (1) A South African Labour Battalion arrived in the Fourth Army area on the 11th December.  
One half Battln. is allotted to & administered by III Corps the remainder have been allotted to Fifth Army.
- (11) No. 3 Special Company R.E. and the two Sections of No. 4 Special Company at present allotted to XIV Corps are shortly being transferred from the Fourth Army to G.H.Q. Troops for training purposes. The Headquarters and the two remaining Sections of No. 4 Special Company, will continue to be administered by the III Corps but will be at the disposal of other Corps on application to A.H.Q.

494. INFORMATION.

- (1) Major Sir G.M.H. Stirling Bt.D.S.O., Essex Regt, has been appointed Administrative Commandant of the Fourth Army Back Areas and training grounds.  
His address will be HANGEST.
- (11) With reference to Summary No. 252 of 26th Novr.  
The proposed time table therein mentioned is cancelled and the following will be substituted:-

U P.

VIVIER MILL.	Dep.	16.00	hours.
FILE FACTORY.	"	18.40	"
BOTTOM WOOD.	"	19.26	"
BAZENTIN.	Arr.	19.49	" (First portion)
BAZENTIN.	"	22.00	" (Second portion)

D O W N.

BAZENTIN.	Dep.	10.30	hours.
BOTTOM WOOD.	"	12.00	"
MEAULTE NORTH.	"	12.30	"
FILE FACTORY.	Arr.	12.45	"
VIVIER MILL.	"	13.45	"

On the UP journey Officers and men should report at the R.T.O.'s Office, MEAULTE NORTH at 18.10 hours, but the train does not pick up at this station on the UP journey.

*Personnel will entrain at FILE FACTORY under R.T.O.'s order*

- (11) Ref. 482 (11) The C.R.E. Back areas Fourth Army has now moved to HANGEST which will be his address for the future.

H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
13th Decr. 1916.

*G. Smyth Osborne*

Lieut. Colonel,  
A.A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (266).

495. MOVE.

- (i) The Sialkot Pioneer Battalion arrived today in the Fourth Army Area and is allotted to and administered by III Corps.
- (ii) The Mhow Pioneer Battalion has left the Fourth Army area this day to rejoin the Cavalry Corps.
- (iii) No. 54 Squadron R.F.C. is due to arrive in the Fourth Army area about the 15th inst. and joins the 4th Bde. R.F.C.
- (iv) 208 Siege Battery (4 - 6" How.) is shortly arriving in the Fourth Army Area and is allotted to XV Corps.
- (v) No. 18 Squadron R.F.C. has left Fourth Army for Third Army area.
- (vi) Ref. 479 A (vii) No. 20 M.A.C. has arrived in Fourth Army and is allotted to and administered by XV Corps.
- (vii) 229 Siege Battery (4 - 6" Hows) is shortly arriving in the Fourth Army area and is allotted to I ANZAC Corps.
- (viii) Ref. 491 (i) One Section No. 50 Searchlight Co. R.E. has arrived in the Fourth Army area.

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H. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
14th Decr. 1916.

Lieut. Colonel,  
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No Q Summary on the above date.

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SECRET.HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.SUMMARY "Q" BRANCH (937).498. MOVE.

- (i) No. 7 G.H.Q. Ammunition Park is leaving the Fourth Army area on 18th Decr.
- (ii) No. 8 G.H.Q. Ammunition Park is moving on 18th Decr. from its present location to take over that vacated by No. 7 G.H.Q. Amm. Park.
- (iii) No. 3 Telegraph Construction Coy. has arrived in the Fourth Army area as a temporary measure and is billeted at SOREL.
- (iv) No. 231 Siege Battery (4 - 6" Hows.) and No. 203 Siege Battery (4 - 9.2" Hows.) are shortly arriving in the Fourth Army area. They are allotted to XIV Corps and III Corps respectively.

499. INFORMATION.

- (i) The area St SAUVEUR - ARGOEUVERS - LONGPRE is reserved as an Army area from this date.
- (ii) Changes in Railhead:-
- |                           |              |                       |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| End Aus. Div. (less Arty) | EDGEHILL.    | From 18th Decr. (inc) |
| 4th Aus. Div.             | VIGNACCOURT. | " " " "               |
- (iii) The distribution and location of Reserve Parks are as follows:-
- |            |                      |                  |
|------------|----------------------|------------------|
| III Corps. | 33rd Res. Pk.        | RECOURT HILL.    |
|            | 3rd Cav. Res. Pk.    | X.30.A.          |
|            | H.Q. & 1 Sect. 20th. | W.27.c.          |
| I ANZAC.   | 19th Res. Park.      | E.12.c.2.2.      |
|            | 2nd Cav. " "         | MONTAUBAN.       |
|            | Det. 20th " "        | "                |
| XIV Corps. | 10th Res. Park.      | F.10.B. central. |
|            | 1st Cav. " "         | F.17.D.          |
|            | Det. 20th " "        | F.17.c.          |
| XV Corps.  | 4th Res. Park.       | L.13.c.          |

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487. INFORMATION (contd.).

(iv) The distribution of the Labour Bns. is as follows:-

<u>Battalions.</u>	<u>Administered by.</u>	<u>Working under.</u>
2nd Labour Bn. R.E.	III Corps.	III Corps.
12th Bn. S. Staffs. Regt.	" "	" "
11th Bn. R. Berks. Regt. (H.Q. & 3 Coys.)	" "	" "
12th Bn. Devonshire Regt.	I ANZAC.	I ANZAC.
22nd Bn. West Yorks. Regt.	" "	" "
4th Labour Bn. R.E.	XIV Corps.	XIV Corps.
1st " " "	" "	" "
37th Bn. Royal Fusils.	XV Corps.	XV Corps.
12th Bn. D.C.L.I.	" "	" "
11th Bn. A. Berks. Regt. (1 Co.)	III Corps.	Roads Board.

(v) The distribution of the South African Labour Contingent is as follows:-

III Corps.	1 Company.	VIVIER MILL.
I ANZAC.	1 Company.	(yet to arrive).

(vi) The locations of Railway Companies and Labour Battalions working under R.C.F. 4 are as follows:-

<u>Railway Companies.</u>	<u>Headquarters etc.</u>
Left Half 109th Coy. R.E.	Plateau.
110th Company R.E.	Mametz Wood.
120th Company R.E.	Meaulte North.
Left half 112th Coy. R.E.	Mametz Wood.
No. 2 Company R.M.R.E.	Chapes Spur.
No. 3 Company R.M.R.E.	2 Coy. Vooquement.
<u>Railway Labour Companies.</u>	
"A" Coy. 30th Rly. Labour Bn. R.E.	MAMETZ WOOD.
"B" & "C" Coys. 5th Labour Bn. R.E.	Mametz.
<u>Infantry Labour Battalions.</u>	
19th Labour Bn. Cheshire Regt.	Bazentin. S. 19.c.
21st Labour Bn. " "	1 Bn. & Headquarters - Chapes Spur.
	2 Bn. MEAULTE.
"C" Coy. 20th Labour Bn. Cheshire Regt.	Shelter Wood.
12th Labour Bn. West Riding Regt.	3 Coys. Mametz Wood.
	1 Coy. Trones Wood.

The distribution of the Tunnelling Companies R.E. is as follows:-

/ III Corps.

III Corps. 179 Company (less 2 Sections)  
2 Sections 180 Coy.

I ANZAC. 253 Company.

XIV Corps. 183 "  
256 "

XV Corps. 178 "  
180 " (less 2 Sections.)

(viii) The distribution of A.T. Companies R.E. is as follows:-

III Corps. 314 Company.  
321 "  
281 "  
1/3 Cornwall.  
147 " (temporarily).

I ANZAC. 133 Company.  
134 "  
140 "  
1/1 Sussex "  
283 " (for administration only)  
employed at Artillery & T.R. Schools).  
20 " (temporarily).

XIV Corps. 143 Company.  
232 "  
280 "  
1/1 Wilts."

XV Corps. 282 Company.  
278 "  
239 "  
217 "

*G. Smyth De Bourne*

H. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
13th Decr. 1918:

Lieut. Colonel,  
s/A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (266).

498. MOVE.

- (1) Ref. 487 (1) No. 20 A.T. Co. R.E. has arrived in Fourth Army area and is allotted to and administered by I ANZAC.

499. INFORMATION.

- (1) The locations of the Ordnance Workshops are as follows:-

III Corps.	22	CONTALMAISON.	} S.I.O.M. (III Corps (I ANZAC.)
	31	ALBERT.	
I ANZAC.	5	BECORDEL.	} North Section. HEILLY.
	29	"	
XIV Corps.	3	MEAULTE.	} S.I.O.M. South Section
	4	"	
	19	MAMETZ.	
	20	"	
XV Corps.	17	SWZANNE.	} MAMETZ.
Fourth Army.		MEAULTE.	
Fourth Army Heavy Mobile.		RIBEMONT.	

- (ii) The distribution of the Heavy Artillery Group Headquarters is as follows:-

III Corps.	Group H.Q.	7th, 22nd, 27th, 30th, 44th, 66th.
I ANZAC.	"	3rd, 14th, 23rd, 32nd, 39th, 73rd.
XIV Corps.	"	28th, 29th, 49th, 57th, 64th, 77th.
XV Corps.	"	8th, 13th, 18th, 21st, 34th.

- (iii) The distribution of the Anti Aircraft Sections is as follows:-

III Corps.	( H.Q. A.A. Group. "P" Battery.
XIV Corps.	"O" "
XV Corps.	"N: " (from 19th Decr.)

- (iv) The distribution of the Pontoon Parks is as follows:-

XIV Corps.	4th Pontoon Park (M.T.) R.E. Detachment 5th Pontoon Park (H.T.) R.E.
I ANZAC.	4th Pontoon Park (M.T.) R.E.

- (v) The distribution and locations of the Special Battalion R.E. are as follows:-

No. 2 Special Battalion H.Q.	HEILLY.
F.Co. I ANZAC.	TREUX WOOD.
G.Co. III Corps.	ALBERT.

- (vi) The distribution and location of the Special Companies R.E. are as follows:-

No. 4 Special Company (less two Sections)	III Corps. P. 20.D.4.4.
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(vii) The distribution and location of the Special Sections H.S. are as follows:-

No. 3 Special Section (less one sub-section)  
I ANZAC TREUX BOOD.  
(attached to F.C.No. 3 Special Battalion).

(viii) The locations of Army Schools are as follows:-

Infantry School.	FLIXECOURT.
Artillery "	VAUX on Amiens.
Trench Mortar "	" " "
Musketry Camp.	PORT JEY.
Signal School.	CONTAY.
Telescopic Rifle & Sniping School.	PORT NOYELLES.
Anti Gas School.	" "
Mine Reserve School.	RIBEMONT.
School of Cookery.	FLIXECOURT.

(ix) The locations of other Army Establishments are as follows:-

C.R.E. Back Areas. )	
Adm. Comd. Back Areas. )	LONG.
Adm. Comd. Fourth & Fifth Army Railroads.	SUSSY.
Fourth Army Purchase Board.	AIRAINES.
Branch Requisition Office.	ALLOUVILLE.

(x) The locations of Auxiliary Transport Companies are as follows:-

Fourth Army Aux. Bus Coy.	TALMAS.
" " H.T. "	VILLERS BOGAGE.
" " H.T. "	PORT NOYELLES.
No. 1 Water Tank (H.T) "	" "

(xi) The location of the G.H.Q. Reserve Park is as follows:-

No. 8 G.H.Q. Park. POULAINVILLE.

*G. Smyth Osborne*

H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
17th Decr. 1916.

Lieut. Colonel,  
a/A.Q.H.Q. Fourth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (269).

500. MOVE.

- (i) No.7 G.H.Q.Ammunition Park has left the Fourth Army area this day.
- (ii) H.Q.Special Companies R.E., No.3 Special Company R.E. and two Sections No.4 Special Company R.E. left the Fourth Army area this day.

501. INFORMATION.

- (i) The distribution and locations of the Units of the R.F.C. are as follows:-

Headquarters 4th Brigade R.F.C. LES ALERONS.

3rd Wing (Corps Wing).

Headquarters.		BERTANGLES.
No.3 Squadron.	I ANZAC.	LA HOUSBOYE.
No.9 "	XIV Corps.	MORLANCOURT.
No.34. "	III Corps.	ALLONVILLE.
No.52. "	XV Corps.	CHIFFILLY.

14th Wing (Army Wing).

Headquarters.		BERTANGLES.
No.21 Squadron.		"
No.22 "		"
No.24 "		CHIFFILLY.
4th Brigade Ammun.Col.		BERTANGLES.
4th Balloon Wing H.Qrs.		HEAULTE.
4th Army Aircraft Park.		DAOURS.

- (ii) Ref.Summary 267. "Distribution of Tunnelling Companies R.E."

III Corps should read 179 Company.  
180 " (less 2 Sections).

XV Corps should read 178 Company.  
180 " (2 sections).

*G. Smyth Osborne*

H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
18th Decr. 1916.

Lieut. Colonel,  
a/A.Q.H.Q., Fourth Army.

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No Q Summary on the above date.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (270).

502. MOVE.

- (1) 77th H.A.G. has arrived in Fourth Army area and is administered by XIV Corps.
- (11) Ref. 426 (iv) For 231 Siege Battery read 216 Siege Battery.
- (111) 79th H.A.G. is shortly arriving in Fourth Army area and is allotted to XV Corps.

503. INFORMATION.

- (1) The XV Corps back area is Area 6 and not as shown on the map recently issued (Area 5).
- (11) No "Q" Summary was issued on the 19th Decr.
- (111) The following is the composition of the Fourth Army Troops:-

Fourth Army Headquarters.  
" " " " Detachment 230 P.F. Coy.  
Fourth Army Troops Supply Column.  
Fourth Army Signal Coy.  
44, 43, 45, 52, & 100 Airline Sections.  
AU, AQ, & BM Cable Sections.  
No. 4 Field Survey Coy.  
No. 4 Telegraphic Construction Coy.  
"L" Signal Bn.  
Police Detachment AMIEBS.  
No. 3 Field Supply Depot. (Barges).  
Detachment, Special Works Park.  
Detachment, No. 4 Pontoon Park.  
Fourth Army H.Q. Remount Section.  
Fourth Army Artillery Training School.  
Fourth Brigade R.F.C.H.Q.  
H.Q. 3rd Wing R.F.C.  
No. 3, 9, 34, & 52 Squadrons & 4th Balloon Wing  
H.Q. 14th (Army) Wing R.F.C.  
No. 31, 22, 24, and 54 Squadrons.  
Fourth Army Heavy Mobile Workshops.  
No. 3 Mobile Repair Unit. (584 M.T. Coy.)  
No. 2 Mobile Tyre Press.  
18th Aux. Bus Coy. (588 Coy. A.S.C.)  
Fourth Army Aux. M.T. Coy. 496 Coy. A.S.C.  
Aux. Steam Lorry Section, (Attd. Aux. M.T. Coy.)  
No. 8 G.H.Q. Ammn. Park. 341 Coy. A.S.C.  
625 M.T. Coy. A.S.C. (Heavy Artillery)  
Fourth Army Aux. (Horse) Coy. A.S.C. 334 H.T. Coy.  
Telescopic Sight School.  
Fourth Army School of Mortars.  
Fourth Army Wireless Coy.  
"B" Coy, 2nd (Gar.) Btn. K.O.Y.L.I.  
"D" " " " " " "  
"D" Squadron 1/1st. Wilts. Yec.  
No. 20 Motor Ambulance Convoy.  
Fourth Army Musketry School.  
No. 3 Telegraphic Construction Party.  
Fourth Army Infantry School.  
Fourth Army Water Column. 243 Coy. A.S.C.

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(iv) Ref. 488 (1) Gen. Fourth Army "SAULT" - read

No. 46 SAULTS.

and add No. 47 HARGRESS.

(v) The following is the composition of the III Corps Troops (exclusive of Artillery) :-

III Corps Troops Supply Column.  
do. Ammunition Park.  
do. Siege Park.  
do. Cavalry Regt. composition (1 Sqn. Surrey Yps.)  
do. Cyclists Battalion. (2 Sqn. D.L.O. Yps.)  
No. W.G. Airline Section.  
No. 26 Motor Airline Section.  
W.M. & F. Cable Sections.  
A.P. Cable Sections.  
Detachment 4th Fld. Survey Coy. R.E.  
No. 8 Motor Machine Gun Battery.  
214, 221, 147, 281 and 1/3 Cornwall A.T. Coys. R.E.  
179 and 180 Tunnelling Coys.  
21st Cheshire Labour Bn. (1 Bn. & H.Q.)  
11th Royal Berkshire Labour Bn.  
12th South Staffs. " "  
2nd Labour Bn. R.E.  
'G' Coy. Special Brigade R.E.  
No. 4 Coy. do. do. do.  
Sialkot Pioneer Bn.  
'A' Bty. R.H.A.  
'P' Battery, Anti-Aircraft.  
Graves Registration Unit, No. 3.  
No. 29 Balloon Coy.  
21st M.A.C.  
Nos. 22 and 51 A.O.D. Workshops.  
No. 34 Squadron R.F.C.  
III Corps Water Supply Column.  
20th Reserve Park. (H.Q. & 1 Section).  
53rd do.  
3rd Cav. Reserve Park.  
Supply Columns.  
No. 1 Supply Column.  
" 15 " "  
" 23 " " (with 50th Div.)  
" 48 " "  
Ammunition Sub-Parks.  
No. 1 Ammunition Sub-Park.  
" 15 " "  
" 41 " " (with 50th Div.)  
" 48 " "  
Left 2 No. 2 Prisoners of War Coy.  
No. 35 Prisoners of War Coy.  
No. 7 do.  
'A' Coy. 2nd Sth. African Native Labour Company.

H. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
20th Decr. 1918.

*J. H. Lawrence*  
for Lieut. Colonel,  
A.O.D., G. Fourth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (271).

504. NOTE.

- (i) The 238th Railway Construction Company is shortly arriving in the Fourth Army Area and is to be located at WILLOW AVENUE Station. It will be administered by R.C.E.4.

505. INFORMATION.

- (i) 503 (iv) is cancelled. The following should be substituted. "Ref. 499 (i) For "Fourth Army HEADQUARTERS" read 47 HANGEST.
- (ii) The following names have been given to new railway stations now under construction:-
- (a) The station on the LA BOISELLE - CONTALMAISON road at X.15.b.central. will be known as LA BOISELLE.
- (b) The Junction of the main line to LE SARRS with the LONGUEVAL BRANCH at S.9.d.1.1 will be known as SPANZI JUNCTION.
- (c) The Junction of the line to CONTALPUICH with the line to LE SARRS at S.9.d.4.8. and the sidings proposed at this point will be called WINDMILL JUNCTION.
- (d) The loop on the BAZENTIN - LONGUEVAL line in S.10.c.and d. will be called SIEGE LOOP.
- (iii) The following is the composition of the 1/ANZAC Troops (exclusive of Artillery) :-
- 1/ANZAC Headquarters.
  - 1/ANZAC Cavalry Regt. 13th Light Horse.
  - 1/ANZAC Ammunition Park.
  - 1/ANZAC Siege Park.
  - 1/ANZAC Cyclist Battalion.
  - "K" Corps Signal Co.
  - W.18. Motor Airline Section.
  - 52. " " " "
  - A.M. G.Q. S.D. W.W. T.T. Cable Sections.
  - 1/ANZAC Wireless Section.
  - Pigeon Loft - Stationary Loft.
  - No.4 Horedrawn Mobile Loft.
  - 1/ANZAC Transporting Battalion.
  - 1/ANZAC Troops Supply Column.
  - 1/Aust. Hly. Supply Detachment.
  - Ammunition Sub-Park.
  - 1st Aust. Arma. Sub-Park.
  - 2nd " " " "
  - 4th " " " "
  - No.19 " " " "
  - Supply Columns.
  - 1st Aust. Supply Column.
  - No. 56 " " "
  - " 8 " " "
  - " 19 " " "

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- No. 3 San. S.F.C.
- No. 13 Kite Balloon Coy.
- 'B' Coy. Special Brigade R.E.
- 1/ANZAC Water Unit.  
(Det. 20th Reserve Park).
- 1/ANZAC Water Unit (Det.)
- 1/ANZAC Water Column.
- 19th Reserve Park.
- 2nd Cavalry Reserve Park.
- 27th Motor Ambulance Convoy.
- No. 5 Light Ord. Mobile Workshop.
- No. 29 " " " "
- 20th Army Troops Coy., R.E.
- 133rd Army Troops Coy., R.E.
- 134th " " " "
- 149th " " " "
- 283rd " " " "
- 1/1st Sussex A.T. Coy., R.E.
- 258th Tunnelling Coy.
- 12th Labour Bn. (Devons).
- 22nd " " (West Yorks).
- 1st Indian Cavalry Pioneer Bn.
- No. 4 Pontoon Park M.T.
- 1/1st South Midland Gen. C. Stn.
- 13th Gen. Clearing Station.
- 42nd " " " "
- 39th " " " "
- No. 1 Prisoners of War Company.
- No. 8 " " " " (half only).
- No. 11. " " " "
- No. 13. " " " "
- No. 19. " " " "
- No. 44. " " " "

*R.S. May*

H. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
21st Decr. 1918.

Lieut. Colonel,  
A.C.M.G. Fourth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' MESSAGE (27th).

506. MOVE.

- (1) One Company of No.2 Special Bn.R.E. is shortly leaving Fourth Army Area for Third Army Area.

507. INFORMATION.

- (i) The locations of Reinforcement Camps are as follows:-

III Corps.	X.22.D.7.8. and E.5.D.0.7.
1/ANZAC.	BELLEVUE FARM.
XIV Corps.	LANSSEL CAMP (GUARDS) 20th Divn.Transport Lines. 17th Div.CORBIE.
XV Corps.	PLATEAU Station.

- (ii) Changes of railhead:-

2nd Aust.Divn.(less Arty.)	ALBERT.	From Dec.23rd (inc.)
5th Aust.Divn.(less Arty.)	EDGEHILL.	" " " "
17th Divn.	PLATEAU.	" " 24th "
20th "	CORBIE.	" " " "
29th " (less Arty.)	HANGEST.	" " " "

- (iii) The locations of Expeditionary Force Canteens are as follows:-

QUERRIEU.	Main Street.	Retail business.
HEILLY.	HEILLY-FRANVILLERS road.	Wholesale Depot.
MERICOURT.	Station.	Retail business. Officers refreshment and dining room for Officers travelling by rail.
ALBERT.	Close to Station.	Wholesale & retail business.
FLESSELLES.	AMIENS road.	South end of village. Wholesale & retail business.
WARLOY.	CONTAY-BENLIS road.	Wholesale & retail.
MEAULTE.	MEAULTE-ALBERT road.	Wholesale & retail.

Also shortly to be opened  
BRAY.

- (iv) The following is the composition of the XIV Corps Troops (exclusive of Artillery):-

XIV Corps Headquarters.  
 XIV Corps Cavalry Regt. (1 Sqn. 21st Lancers.) composition.  
 XIV Corps Ammn. Park. (2 Sqns.)  
 XIV Corps Siege Park.  
 XIV Corps Cyclist Bn.  
 J. Corps Signal Coy.  
 54 Motor Airline Section.  
 M.O. A.R. A.R. A.U. B.M. Cable Sections.  
 142nd A.T. Company, R.E.  
 232nd " " "  
 280th " " "  
 183rd Tunnelling Company R.E.  
 253rd " " "  
 "C" & "Q" Companies, No. 4 Special Bn., R.E.  
 4th Pontoon Park.  
 No. 3 Section, 5th Pontoon Park.  
 No. 3 R.E. Park.  
 1st Labour Bn. R.E.  
 4th " " "  
 12th (L) Bn. West Riding Regiment.  
 19th (E) Cheshire Regiment.  
 7th (Guards) Entrenching Bn.  
 1/1st Wilts. A.T. Company, R.E.  
 8th Field Supply Depot.  
 Det. 4th Army Water Column (Lorries).  
 10th Reserve Park.  
 1st Cavalry Reserve Park.  
 Det. 20th Reserve Park.  
 9th Squadron R.F.C.  
 3 & 4 Ordnance Mobile Workshops.  
 19 & 20 " " "  
 6th Anti-Aircraft Workshops.  
 R.M.A. Workshops.  
 14 Prisoners of War Company.  
 27th " " " "  
 No. 25 M.A.C.  
 "O" Anti-Aircraft Battery.  
 2nd Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Section.  
 5th " " " "  
 1st Canadian Railway Construction Battalion.  
 Secunderbad Pioneer Battalion.  
 15th Balloon Company, 6th Balloon Section.  
 Ammunition Sub-Parks.  
 Guards Ammn. Sub-Park.  
 29th " " "  
 34th " " "  
 47th " " "  
 (XIV Corps Troops Sup. Column.)  
 Divl. Supply Cols.  
 Guards Divl. Supply Column.  
 20th " " "  
 34th " " "  
 47th " " "  
 3 Australian Depot Unit of Supply.

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H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
3rd Decr. 1918.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (273).

508. MOVE.

- (i) 200 Siege Battery (4 - 6" 26 cwt.Hows.) has arrived in Fourth Army Area and is administered by XV Corps.
- (ii) 229 Siege Battery (4 - 6" 26 cwt.Hows.) has arrived in Fourth-Army Area and is administered by 1/ANZAC.
- (iii) 35th and 151st Heavy Batteries (60 pdrs.) are shortly being transferred from Fourth Army to Third Army by road.
- (iv) 111th Siege Battery (4 - 3" 26 cwt.Hows.) is shortly being transferred from Fourth Army to First Army by rail.
- (v) 148th Siege Battery (4 - 6" 26 cwt.Hows.) is shortly being transferred from Fourth Army to Third Army by road.
- (vi) 213th Siege Battery (4 - 9" Hows.) is shortly arriving in Fourth Army Area and is allotted to XIV Corps.

509. INFORMATION.

- (1) The following is the composition of the XV Corps Troops (exclusive of Artillery):-

XV Corps Headquarters.  
XV Corps Cavalry Regt. Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry.  
XV Corps Ammn.Park.  
XV Corps Siege Park.  
XV Corps Cyclist Bn.  
XV Corps Troops Supply Column.  
Corps Signal Co.  
51 Motor Airline Section.  
B.E. B.F. B.G. Cable Sections.  
No.16 Balloon Coy.R.F.C.  
"N" Battery A.A.  
4th Reserve Park.  
Water Tank Coy.  
No.17 Ord.Mobile Workshop.  
No.50 A.A.Searchlight Section.  
217th A.T.Coy.  
230th " "  
239th " "  
202nd " "  
178th Tunnelling Coy.  
100th " "  
13th D.C.L.I.(Lab.)Bn.  
37th Lab.Bn.Royal Fus.  
Canadian Pioneer En.  
Ammunition Sub-Parks.  
3rd Ammunition Sub-Park.  
7th " "  
33rd " "  
51st " "  
Supply Columns.  
No.1 Supply Column.  
No.21 " "  
No.25 " "  
No.33 " "

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H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
23rd Dec. 1916.

Lieut.Colonel,  
A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army.



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24th December, 1916.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (274).

510. MOVE.

- (1) Ref. 508 (vi) 213th Siege Battery has now been allotted to 1/ANZAC instead of XIV Corps as therein stated.

511. INFORMATION.

- (1) No "Q" Summary was issued on 24th Dec.
- (11) The address of No. 6 Field Supply Depot is  
No. 6 RUE AUGUSTE GINDRE  
CORBIE.
- (111) Ref. 505 (iii) Nos. 13, 39, 45 & 1/1 S. Midland C.O.S. should not have been included therein and should be accordingly deleted as they are Army Formations.
- (14) Ref. "Q" Summary 256 relating to the re-organisation of Anti-Aircraft Service; the formation of a fourth Anti-Aircraft Battery is being undertaken by the Fourth Army. This Battery is designated "U" Battery and will consist of Nos. 21, 27 and 31 Sections which will be withdrawn from "O" "P" and "X" Batteries, respectively.  
"U" Anti-Aircraft Battery is allotted to and will be administered by 1/ANZAC.

(v) Changes in Railhead:-

0th Division.	BRAY.	From Dec. 28th (inc.)
33rd "	HANGEST.	" " " "
4th "	BEL AIR.	" " 29th "
40th "	BRAY.	" " " "

H. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
25th Dec. 1916.

*J. Lawrence*  
for Lt. Col. General,  
A.Q.M.G., Fourth Army

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28th December, 1916.

N.B. No Q SUMMARY on the above date.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (275).

512. MOVE.

- (1) Ref.498 (iv) and 502 (ii) No.216 Siege Battery has arrived in Fourth Army area and is administered by XIV Corps.

513. INFORMATION.

- (1) It is notified for information that the Time Table giving hours of sailings of FOLKESTONE - BOULOGNE boats will hold good now that traffic has been transferred to CALAIS.

- (ii) The following Time Table of PASSENGER TRAINS is circulated for information with a view to reducing the numerous telephone calls to stations for these particulars. The timings of trains are of course liable to be modified without notice:-

<u>AMIENS</u>	to	<u>PARIS.</u>	<u>PARIS.</u>	to	<u>AMIENS.</u>
Dep.		Arr.	Dep.		Arr.
1.50		5.45	7.55		11.20
6.30		10.34	Exp. 9.35		11.30
12.30		16.54	Exp. 10.05		11.40
15.27 Exp.		17.22	13.15		17.15
17.17 Exp.		18.50	19.15		23.15
18.30		22.50	23.40		4.30

<u>AMIENS</u>	to	<u>BOULOGNE &amp; CALAIS.</u>	<u>CALAIS &amp; BOULOGNE</u>	to	<u>AMIENS.</u>
Dep.	Arr.	Arr.	Dep.	Dep.	Arr.
0.16	4.45	6.43	5.26	7.26	11.50
5.08	9.35	11.33	Exp. 10.03	----	15.22
Exp. 11.35	----	16.30	----	Exp. 13.37	17.12
Exp. 11.45	15.07	----	11.26	13.46	18.10
12.18	16.45	18.43	19.06	21.05	1.30
16.18	22.45	0.43	23.06	1.06	5.30

<u>ST ROCH</u>	to	<u>ROUEN.</u>	<u>ROUEN</u>	to	<u>ST ROCH.</u>
Dep.		Arr.	Dep.		Arr.
6.58		12.03	6.01		11.06
17.30		22.53	16.41		21.46

<u>AMIENS</u>	to	<u>MERICOURT.</u>	<u>MERICOURT</u>	to	<u>AMIENS.</u>
Dep.		Arr.	Dep.		Arr.
5.22		6.44	8.12		9.03
15.42		16.34	17.52		19.03

MERICOURT includes all the ALBERT - REAY DISTRICT.

- (iii) Changes in Railhead:-
- |            |               |   | From | Decr. 29th (inc) |   |
|------------|---------------|---|------|------------------|---|
| 48th Divn. | FRECHENCOURT. | " | "    | "                | " |
| 50th "     | ALBERT.       | " | "    | Jan. 1st         | " |
| 1st "      | "             | " | "    | "                | " |
| 59th "     | BAZEMTIN      | " | "    | "                | " |

H. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
27th Decr. 1916.

*J. H. Lawrence*  
Lieut. Colonel,  
A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army.

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28th December, 1916.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (276).

514. MOVE.

- (i) 48th Siege Battery (9.2" Howa.) is shortly being transferred from Fourth Army by road to Third Army.
- (ii) 49th Siege Battery (6" How. 23 cwt.) is shortly being transferred from Fourth Army by road to First Army.
- (iii) 203 Siege Battery (9.2" Howa.) has arrived and is administered by III Corps.
- (iv) No. 54 Squadron R.F.C. has arrived and is established at BERTANGLES.
- (v) Ref. 481 (ii) No. 147 A.T. Coy. R.E. is returning to the Third Army tomorrow, the time of attachment to Fourth Army being ended.

515. INFORMATION.

- (1) From 4th January inclusive Ammunition Railheads will be designated by the following code letters:-

O.A. FLESSELLES.  
 O.T. CONTAY.  
 O.W. VIVIER MILL.  
 O.W.A. MEAULTE NORTH.  
 O.W.B. BECOURT.  
 O.W.C. BOTTOM WOOD.  
 O.W.D. BAZENTIN.  
 O.W.E. QUARRY.  
 O.H. PLATEAU.  
 O.H.A. BILLON SIDING.  
 O.H.B. TRONES WOOD.

The new code letters will be taken into use for all telegrams and correspondence despatched after midnight of 3rd/4th Jan. 1917 and trucks despatched from the Base after that date will bear the new code labels.

*John Lawrence Major*  
 for

H.Qrs. Fourth Army.  
 29th Decr. 1916.

Lieut. Colonel,  
 A.Q.M.G. Fourth Army.

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2. A.Q.M.G.	13. Signals.	24. Fourth Army Bde. R.F.C.
3. D.A. & Q.M.G.	14. A.D.A.P.S.	25. XV Corps.
4. C.E.	15. D.A.D.R.T. AMIENS.	26. Chemical Adviser.
5. M.G.R.A.A.	16. P.M.	27. Asst. Chap. Genl.
6. G.	17. A.M.S.	28. Camp Comdt.
7. A.	18. XIV Corps.	29. D.L.S.T., Investgn. Dept.
8. D.M.S.	19. D.A.G. Base.	30. French Liaison.
9. D.D.S.T.	20. War Diary.	31. Lt. Col. WILSON, A.D. Ry. )
10. D.D.O.S.	21. III Corps.	O/c Rly. Constr. Officer )
11. D.B.R.	22. M.G.G.S.	BUIRE. )
		32. 1/ANZAC.
		33. A.D. In.
		34. Adm. Cdt. Back Area.

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HEADQUARTERS, FOURTH ARMY.  
SUMMARY "Q" BRANCH (277).

513. MOVE.

- (i) 151st Heavy Battery (60 pdrs) left Fourth Army Area yesterday for Third Army by road.
- (ii) 35th Heavy Battery (50 pdrs.) left Fourth Army Area yesterday for Third Army by road.
- (iii) 149th Siege Battery (6" - 36 cwt. Hows.) left Fourth Army Area yesterday for Third Army by road.
- (iv) 111th Siege Battery (6" - 36 cwt. Hows.) left Fourth Army Area yesterday for First Army by rail.
- (v) No. 20 Army Troops Coy. R.E. at present with 1/ANZAC is rejoining the Second Army on January 7th 1917.

517. INFORMATION.

- (i) Changes of Railhead:-

Guards Divn.	CORDIE.	From Jan. 2nd (inc.)
20th "	PLATEAU.	" " " "

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B. Qrs. Fourth Army,  
30th Decr. 1916.

Liaut. Colonel,  
a/A. Q. H. G. Fourth Army.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY.

SUMMARY 'Q' BRANCH (278).

518. MOVE.

- (i) "A" Battery R.H.A. and proportion of Ammunition Column are shortly being transferred from Fourth Army (III Corps) to Cavalry Corps to rejoin its Division.
- (ii) — "U" Battery R.H.A. is being transferred on 6th January from Fourth Army T.H.School to XIV Corps by whom it will be administered. A proportion of its Ammunition Column will join it on January 3rd.
- (iii) "Q" Battery R.H.A. and proportion of Ammunition Column are shortly being transferred temporarily from Cavalry Corps to Fourth Army and will be attached to the Fourth Army T.H.School.
- (iv) 110th Co.R.E. is moving from Fourth Army Area to Third Army Area today.

519. INFORMATION.

- (i) Ref.497 (vi) following amendment is now made:-  
120th Company R.E. HAMETZ WOOD.
- (ii) Ref.497 (vi) following addition should be inserted:  
268th Co.R.E. WILLOW AVENUE.
- (iii) Ref.511 (iv) "U" Battery A.A. becomes a unit to date from 1st January 1917.  
Locations as follows. Headquarters FRICOURT.  
21st Section LONGUEVAL.  
27th " FRICOURT.  
81st " ETINEHEL.

*J. G. Jennings*

H.Qrs. Fourth Army,  
31st Decr. 1913.

Lieut. Colonel,  
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