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**WAR DIARY**

OF

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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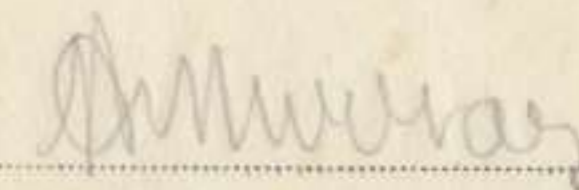
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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4th AUST. M. G. BN.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FELLERIES  (Sheet: NAMUR, 1/100,000)	1918.			
	1st Sunday		<u>Weather</u> - Fine and Clear. Battalion Church Parade at 10.30 a.m. under Chaplain Rev. R. O'D. FINIGAN. 10 Other Ranks marched in from Base Depot (mostly old details from Sick or Wounded.)	
	2nd Monday		<u>Weather</u> - Dull. Education Officer (2/Lieut. R. HOLTHAM) lectured to 4th Coy. on Demobilisation and Education. <u>Football</u> - Rugby - 13th Coy. and 24th Coy. - <u>A Draw.</u>	
	3rd Tuesday		<u>Weather</u> - Wet and Cold. Battalion Parade at 10.00. Battalion Drill. Education Officer lectured to 12th Coy. on Demobilisation and Education. Capt. C. G. ALLEN attached as M. O. from 4th Aust. Field Ambulance. <i>14 Other Ranks left for Australia - 1915 furlough.</i>	
	4th Wednesday		<u>Weather</u> - Wet. Demobilisation and Education Lecture to 13th Coy. by Education Officer. Battalion paid.	
	5th Thursday		<u>Weather</u> - Fine, bright, cool. Education Officer lectured to 24th Coy. on Demobilisation and Education. 44 Other Ranks marched in from Base Depot (mostly old details.) Major F. B. HINTON, M.C., seconded for duty with Aust. M. G. Training Depot, England, as from 20-10-1918 (A.I.F. List 428 of 6-12-1918). <u>Football</u> - Rugby Final - 13th Coy. beat 4th Coy. - 11 to 3.	
	6th Friday		<u>Weather</u> - Bright. Major E. G. RADFORD, D.S.O., rejoined Battalion from School of Tactics, England. Lieut. T. DOUGLAS proceeded on Paris Leave. Lieut. A. E. FOX rejoined from Supernumerary List (Wounded).	
7th		<del><u>Weather</u></del> - <del>xxxx</del> Lieut. R. J. TUCKETT, M.C., rejoined from G.H.Q. M.G. School, CAMIERS.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Dec.			
	1918			
FELLERIES	7th		<u>Weather</u> - Dull.	
(Sheet: NAMUR, 1/100,000)	Saturday		2/Lt. R. SINCLAIR, D.C.M., M.M., and 6 Other Ranks rejoined from G.H.Q. M.G. School, CAMIERS. 6 Other Ranks rejoined from Base ex Hospital. 8 Other Ranks proceeded on transfer to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., LONDON.	
	8th		<u>Weather</u> - Fine.	
	Sunday		Church Parades conducted by Chaplain Rev. R. O'D. FINIGAN.	
	9th		<u>Weather</u> - Showery.	
	Monday			
	10th		Extract from A.I.F. List 419 of 10-12-1918:- The following to be Lieutenants, Dated 1-12-1918 :- 2/Lieuts. A.W. STURTRIDGE, A.R. CRESWELL, K. MORLING, R. TURNER, K.T.O. WALKER, H.B. TYLER, M.M., W. RIPPS, R. SINCLAIR, D.C.M., M.M., G.M. MORROW. Lieut. E.P.C. UPTON rejoined from PARIS leave.	
	11th		<u>Weather</u> , Wet.	
	Wednesday		Preparations being made for move into BELGIUM on 13-12-1918. Lieut. H. THORNE proceeded on Australian Furlough from England on 11-12-1918 (A.I.F. List 422).	
	12th		<u>Weather</u> - Wet.	
	Thursday		18 Other Ranks Reinforcements and 8 Other Ranks Old Details (ex Sick) from Base. Preparations for move completed.	
FELLERIES	13th		<u>Weather</u> - Wet.	
- SIVRY	Friday		Battalion moved by Route March with 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Column from FELLERIES to SIVRY, via L'EPINE HARNAUT, CLAIRFAYTS and Belgian Border. No halt was made for lunch, and the Unit was settled in billets at SIVRY at 12.00. Lieut. G. M. MORROW proceeded on U.K. leave. Lieut. H. E. BRADBURY proceeded on Australian Furlough from England on 12-12-1918(A.I.F. List 422)	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sheet: NAMUR, 1/100,000.	1918.			
SIVRY - BOUSSU- LEZ- WALCOURT	14th Saturday		<p>Still with 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Column, Battalion marched from SIVRY to BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT, via SIVRY Stn., RENLIES, VERGNIES and ERPION. Luncheon halt was made East of RENLIES between 12.00 and 13.00. The whole Battalion billeted for the night in BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT arriving about 14.30.</p> <p>Lieut. P. GRIEVESON proceeded on 75 days Furlough to United Kingdom.</p>	
BOUSSU-LEZ- WALCOURT to ST. AUBIN	15th Sunday		<p>Weather - Showery.</p> <p>Battalion moved from BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT to ST. AUBIN, marchine through SILENRIEUX, the large town of PHILIPVILLE, and HEMPTINNE. Lunch halt was made West of PHILIPVILLE between 13.00 and 14.00. The whole battalion was billeted for the night in ST. AUBIN.</p> <p>Capt. H.W. CROUCH, M.C., proceeded on U.K. leave.</p>	
ST. AUBIN - GERIN and ONHAYE	16th Monday		<p>Weather - Still wet and showery.</p> <p>Lieut. T. DOUGLAS rejoined from PARIS Leave.</p> <p>Battalion moved by route march with 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Column from ST. AUBIN to GERIN and ONHAYE area, passing through the interesting old town of FLORENNES (bedecked with flags and triumphal arches) and the villages of ROSEE and ANTHEE. Bn. H.Q. and 12th, 13th and 24th Coys. billeted in GERIN, and 4th Coy. in ONHAYE. A halt for lunch was made East of ROSEE between 12.00 and 13.00, and Unit marched into billets about 15.00.</p> <p>Lieut. A.A. FOWLESS, lately attached to 4th Aust. Div. as Staff Trainee, left on Transport Duty to Australia.</p>	
GERIN and ONHAYE - ANSEREMME	17th Tuesday		<p>Weather - Generally showery.</p> <p>Battalion left GERIN-ONHAYE area at 10.00, proceeding by march route via DINANT to ANSEREMME. Unit marched into billets at 12.00. The old town of DINANT with its forts and other old buildings, the noble River MEUSE, and the placards showing sites of 1914 massacres by Saxon troops greatly interested all ranks. The locality abounds in historic interest and scenic beauty.</p>	
ANSEREMME (confluence of MEUSE and LESSE)	18th Wednesday		<p>Battalion settling down in billets. Preparations being made for conduct of education classes and lectures. Arrangements being made for Christmas Dinner and celebration of a Peace Christmas.</p>	

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Sheet:	Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	NAMUR, 1/100,000. ANSEREMME	1918. 19th Thursday		<p><u>Weather</u> - Alternately bright sunshine and blue sky, and heavy showers. Light snow at 10.50.                      Lt.-Col. H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M., rejoined from U.K. leave.                      Classes held at 11.00 in French and Arithmetic.</p>	
		20th Friday		<p><u>Weather</u> - Wet.                      Filling up of Repatriation Forms commended under supervision of Major E.G. RADFORD, D.S.O.                      Meeting of H.Q. Christmas Dinner Committee held at 10.15.                      Extract from A.I.I.F. List 424 of 20-12-1918:-                      The following Cadets to be 2/Lieuts.:-                      4500 Pte. N.H. COOK, 247 Cpl. R.C. NORMAND. 7899 Pte. P. ROBIN. Dated 17-12-1918.</p>	
		21st Saturday		<p><u>Weather</u> - Still wet.</p>	
		22nd Sunday		<p><u>Weather</u> - Again showery.                      Church parades conducted for O.P.D. by Chaplain Rev. R. O'D. FINIGAN. Roman Catholics attended village church at ANSEREMME.</p>	
		23rd Monday		<p><u>Weather</u> - Showery.                      Lieut. T.H. TRIMBLE proceeded on U.K. leave.                      Large party from Battalion proceeded on leave to NAMUR, using drags, etc.                      Christmas stores from PARIS arrived by rail at FLORENNES. Christmas dinner safe!</p>	
		24th Tuesday		<p><u>Weather</u> - Showery.                      Christmas goods from PARIS collected from FLORENNES: all in good order and condition.                      Party returned from NAMUR leave.</p>	
		25th Wednesday XMAS DAY		<p><u>Weather</u> - Alternate showers and gleams of sunshine.                      Christmas celebrations a great success. Separate dinners were held by all Companies, Bn.H.Q., and Transport Sections, each function passing off without hitch. In addition various messes held dinners at night.                      Church Parade and Communion Service conducted for O.P.D. by Chaplain Rev. R.O'D. FINIGAN.</p>	

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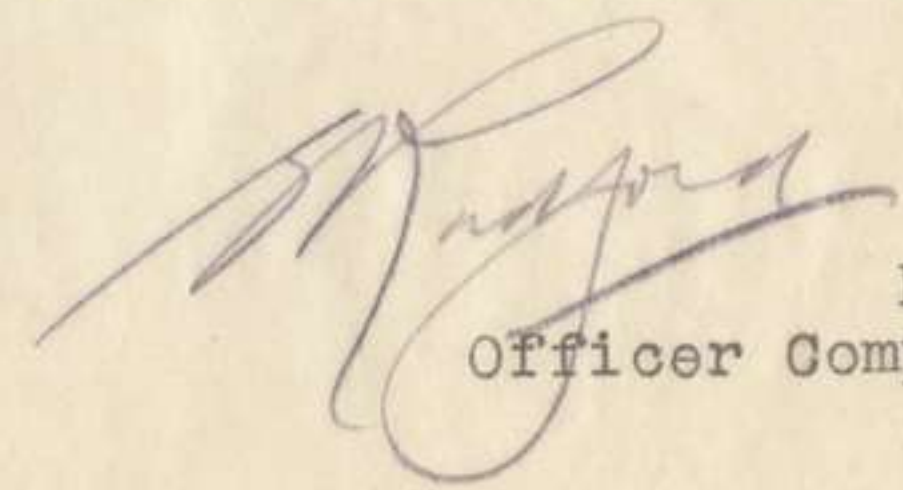
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Place Sheet:	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NAMUR, 1/100,000: ANSEREMME	Dec. 1918.			
	26th	Thursday	<p><u>Weather</u> - Showery. T/Capt. H.A. SHERIDAN left for England for Transport Duty to Australia. Meeting of Battalion Christmas Dinner Committee held. Four Companies bathed at Divisional Baths at DINANT. Water cold and clothing not too satisfactory.</p>	
	27th	Friday	<p><u>Weather</u> - Showery. Meeting of Battalion Headquarters Xmas Dinner Committee held. Financial position very satisfactory.</p>	
	28th	Saturday	<p><u>Weather</u> - Showery. Lieut. E.P.C. UPTON and 12 Other Ranks left at 8.00 for Australian Furlough. T/Major G.F. DUCHATEL, M.C., left on 75 days leave to U.K. in lieu of Australian Furlough. Battalion Headquarters Officers' Mess held a dance at Hotel de la MEUSE, ANSEREMME.</p>	
	29th	Sunday	<p><u>Weather</u> - Wet. Both rivers rising. Church Parades for O.P.D. held by Chaplain Rev. R.O'D. FINIGAN.</p>	
	30th	Monday.	<p><u>Weather</u> - Fine with some sunshine. Both MEUSE and LESSE still rising.</p>	
	31st	Tuesday	<p><u>Weather</u> - Showery. Rivers still rising. Capt. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presented medals to personnel of 4th Aust. Div. in Palais de Justice, DINANT. Medals were presented to Lieut. H.B. TYLER, M.M., Lieut. R. SINCLAIR, D.C.M., M.M., and 18 Other Ranks of this Battalion.</p>	

  
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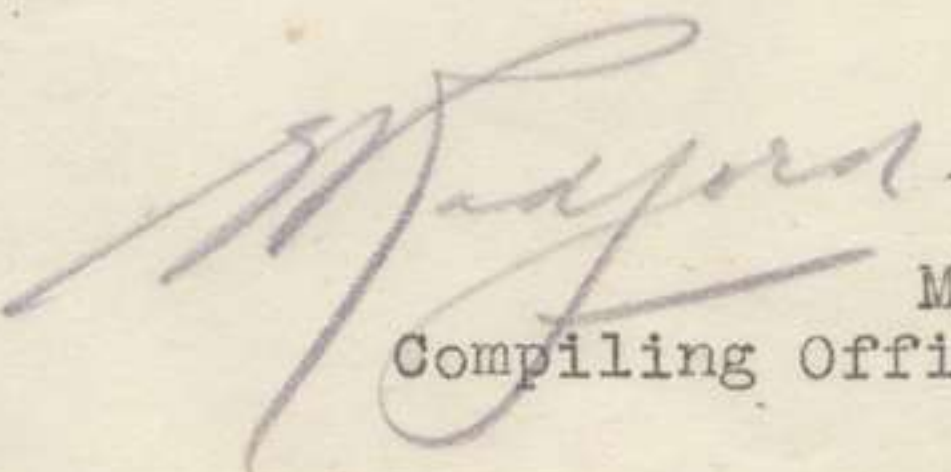
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FOR

DECEMBER 1918.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
2nd December, 1918.

WARNING ORDER.

Reference Sheet FAMUR.

1. The Fourth Australian Division (plus the 104th Army Brigade R.F.A.) will move to the HEUSE Area at an early date.
2. For the purposes of the move, Groups will remain as at present constituted.
3. A move table (provisional) and map (to Groups only) are attached for the purposes of enabling the necessary reconnaissances of the new area and routes thereto to be made forthwith by Group Commanders.
4. Detailed orders will be issued later.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. F. Watson

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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| 15th A.I. Bde.  | 'AQ'.                |
| 4th A.D. Arty.  | DAPM.                |
| 4th A.D. Engrs. | DADVS.               |
| 4th A.M.G. Bn.  | DADOS.               |
| 4th A.Pion. Bn. | Camp Commdt.         |
| 4th A.D. Train. | AUST. Corps.         |
| S.S.C.          | 1st AUST. Division.  |
| A.D.H.S.        |                      |

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

M O V E M E N T A B L E (Provisional)

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Formation.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
"A" DAY	13th Bdo. Group.	SIVRY	BOUSSU-SILENRIEUX	-
7 1/2 - "	12th Bdo. Group.	FLAUMONT	SIVRY	-
"	Artillery "	RANOUSIES	RANCE-FROIDCHAPELLE	(via SIVRY)
"B" DAY	13th Bdo. Group.	SILENRIEUX	FLORENNES-ST. AUBIN- HEMPTILNE-JAMAGNE.	(via PHILIPPEVILLE)
12 - "	12th Bdo. Group.	SIVRY	SILENRIEUX	-
"	Artillery "	FROIDCHAPELLE	PHILIPPEVILLE-VODECHE- VILLERSLE GAMBON.	-
"	4th Bdo. Group.	SAINS	SIVRY	-
"	Div'l. H.Q.	SAINS	DINANT.	-
"C" DAY	13th Bdo. Group.	FLORENNES	HASTIERE LA MAUX, ONHAYE, GERIN, WEILLEN, FALAEN.	-
12 - "	12th Bdo. Group.	SILENRIEUX	FLORENNES	-
"	Artillery. "	PHILIPPEVILLE	ROSEE, FLAVION, MORVILLE, etc.	-
"	4th Bdo. Group.	SIVRY	SILENRIEUX.	-

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MOVE TABLE (continued)

Date.	Formation.	From.	To.	Remarks.
D DAY	13th Bde. Group.	ONHAYE, &c.	DINANT.	-
"	12th Bde. " (Loss 4th M.G. Bn.)	FLORENNES	HASTIERE LA VAUX, VAULSORT.	-
"	4th M.G. Bn.	FLORENNES	<u>ONHAYE-GERIN</u>	-
"	4th Bde. Group.	SILVRIEUX	FLORENNES	-
E DAY	4th M.G. Bn.	ONHAYE & GERIN	ANSEREMME.	Via DINANT.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 153.

Headquarters,  
10th December, 1919.

1. The 4th Aust. Div. Sanitary Section will move on the 11th December from the SAINES sub-area to the SIVRY sub-area, the move to be completed by 16.00.
2. On completion of the move the 4th Aust. Div. Sanitary Section will come under the orders of the G.O.C., 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. Group and will form portion of that Group for the purposes of the move to the MEUSE area.
3. 4th, & 13th Bde. Groups and 4th Aust. Div. Sanitary Section acknowledge.

*H. F. Watson*  
 Lt-Col. General Staff.  
 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.  
 Captain, *for*

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 154.

Headquarters,  
11th December, 1918.

Reference Map 1/100,000 HANUR.

1. The Fourth Australian Division (plus the 104th Army Bde. R.F.A.) will move to the HEUSE Area between the 13th and 17th December (both dates inclusive) in accordance with the attached MOVE TABLE.

2. For the purposes of the move Groups will be composed as under :-

Divl. Artillery Group.

- 4th Aust. Divl. Arty. (less S.A.A. Section of D.A.C.)
- 104th Army Bde. R.F.A.
- 4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Section.
- 13th Coy. A.A.S.C.

13th Brigade Group.

- 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 13th Field Coy. A.E.
- 4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.
- 13th Aust. Field Amb.
- 27th Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 1 Sub Sect. S.A.A. Sect. of D.A.C.
- 4th Aust. Div. Sanitary Section.

12th Brigade Group.

- 12th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 12th Field Coy. A.E.
- 4th Aust. H.Q. En.
- 12th Aust. Field Ambulance.
- 26th Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 1 Sub-Sect. S.A.A. Section D.A.C.

4th Brigade Group.

- 4th Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 4th Field Coy. A.E.
- 4th Aust. Field Ambulance.
- 7th Coy. A.A.S.C.
- 1 Sub-Sect. S.A.A. Sect. D.A.C.
- 4th Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.

3. Administrative Instructions are being issued separately.

4. Divisional Headquarters will close at SAINS at 09.00 on the 14th December and open at DINANT at the same hour.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*H.F. Watson*

per Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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- A.M.H.S.
- \* 4th Aust. Div. Train.
- 4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.
- 3rd Aust. M.F. Coy.
- A.C.
- D.A.D.V.S.
- \* D.A.D.C.S.
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Location of Units.

Reference Map : NANUR 1/100,000.

Unit.	13th Dec. 1918.	14th Dec. 1918.	15th Dec. 1918.	16th Dec.	17th Dec.
<u>Divisional Headquarters.</u>	SAINS	DINANT	DINANT	DINANT	DINANT
<u>DIV. ARTILLERY GROUP.</u> 4th Aust. Div. Artillery H.Q. } 10th A.A. Brigade. 11th 104th Army Bde. R.F.A. 4th Aust. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section.) 14th A.A.S.C. 4th Aust. Mob. Vet. Section)	FROIDCHAPELLE AREA.	PHILIPPEVILLE Area	ROSEE AREA (H.Q. ANTHEE CHATEAU.)		
<u>4th Brigade Group.</u> 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. 13th Battalion. 14th " 15th " 16th " 4th A.L.T.M. Bty. 4th Field Coy. A.E. 7th Coy. A.A.S.C. 4th Field Ambulance. 1 Sub-Sect. S.A.A. Sect. D.A.C. 4th Aust. Div. Salvage Coy.	SAINS	SIVRY	SILENRIEUX AREA		FLORENNES AREA.
<u>12th BRIGADE GROUP.</u> 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q. 45th Battalion. 46th " 48th " 12th A.L.T.M. Bty. 12th Field Coy. A.E. 27th Coy. A.A.S.C. 12th Aust. Field Ambulance. 1 Sub-Sect. S.A.A. Sect. D.A.C.	SIVRY	SILENRIEUX AREA	FLORENNES AREA		WAULSORT AREA (H.Q. WAULSORT).

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Unit.	15th Dec.	16th Dec.	17th Dec.	18th Dec.	19th Dec.
<b>13th BRIGADE GROUP</b>					
13th Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	SILENRIEUX	FLORENNES	ONHAYE	DINANT	AREA
49th Battalion.	AREA	AREA.	AREA		(H.Q. DINANT).
50th "					
51st "					
13th A.L.T.M. Bty.					
13th Field Coy. A.E.					
4th Aust. Pioneer Bn.					
13th Field Ambulance.					
28th Coy. A.A.S.C.					
1 Sub-Section S.A. Sect. D.A.C.					
4th Aust. Sanitary Section.					
4th Aust. H.Q. Bn.	SIVRY	SILENRIEUX	FLORENNES	ONHAYE	AVESNES
C.R.E.	SAINS	AREA	AREA	AREA	DINANT
4th Aust. Div. Sig. Coy.	"	DINANT	DINANT	DINANT	"
4th Aust. Div. Train.	"	"	"	"	"
A.D.H.S.	"	"	"	"	"
RAILHEAD.	BEAUMONT	BEAUMONT	BEAUMONT	BEAUMONT	
4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing.	AVESNES	AVESNES	AVESNES	AVESNES	FLORENNES
D.A.D.O.S.	SAINS	DINANT	DINANT	DINANT	DINANT
D.A.P.E.	DINANT	"	"	"	"
D.A.D.V.S.	"	"	"	"	"
Div. Claims Officer.	SAINS	"	"	"	"
Div. Paymaster.	DINANT	"	"	"	"
Div. Comforts Fund Officer.	"	"	"	"	"
Div. Canteen Officer.	BEAUMONT	BEAUMONT	BEAUMONT	BEAUMONT	FLORENNES.

  
 Brigadier-General,  
 Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

As at 13.00 each day.



MOVE TABLE - ISSUED WITH 4th AUST. DIV. ORDER NO. 154.

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Serial No.	Date.	Formation.	From	To	Route	Remarks.
1.	13th Dec.	13th Bde.Group.	SIVRY	BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX	SIVRY Sta. - RENLIES VERGNIES - ERPION -	To be clear of SIVRY by 11.00.
2.	"	12th Bde.Group.	FLAUMONT	SIVRY	FELLERIES -CLAIRFAITS	Not to enter SIVRY before 11.15
3.	"	4th Div.Arty. Group.	RAMOUSIES	RANGE - FROISCHAPELLE	EPPE - SAUVAGE MONTBLIART.	
4.	14th	13th Bde.Group.	BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX	FLORENNES - ST. AUBIN -HEMPTINNE - JAMAGNE.	via PHILIPPEVILLE	To be clear of PHILIPPEVILLE by 12.00.
5.	"	12th Bde.Group.	SIVRY	BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX	SIVRY STA. - RENLIES VERGNIES - ERPION	To be clear of SIVRY by 11.00
6.	"	4th Div.Arty. Group.	FROIDCHAPELLE	PHILIPPEVILLE - VODECEE - VILLERS LE GAMBON.	CERFONTAINE - SENZEILLE -PHILIPPEVILLE	Not to enter PHILIPPEVILLE before 12.15
7.	"	4th Bde.Group.	SAINS	SIVRY	Any.	Not to enter SIVRY before 11.15.
8.	"	4th Div.H.Q.	SAINS	DINANT	Any	
9.	15th	13th Bde.Group.	FLORENNES - ST. AUBIN -HEMPTINNE ON HAYE - e JAMAGNE.	HASTIERE LA VAUX - GERIN WEILEN - FALAEN.	FLORENNES - ROSEE.	To be clear of ROSEE by 11.00
10.	"	12th Bde.Group.	BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX	FLORENNES -ST. AUBIN - HEMPTINNE -JAMAGNE.	via PHILIPPEVILLE.	Not to enter PHILIPPEVILLE before 11.30.

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11.	15th Bde.	4th B.A. Group.	PHILIPPEVILLE	ROSEE sub area	Not to enter ROSEE before 11.15 & to be clear of PHILIPPEVILLE by 11.00.
12.	"	4th Bde. Group.	SIVRY	BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX SIVRY STA. - RENLIES - VERGNIES - ERPION.	
13.	16th	13th Bde. Group.	HASTIERE LA VAUX etc.	DINANT	To be clear of HASTIERE LA VAUX by 11.00.
14.	"	12th Bde. Group. (less 4th M.G. Bn.)	FLORENNES etc.	HASTIERE LA VAUX - via ROSEE MAULSORT.	Not to enter HASTIERE LA VAUX before 11.15 & be clear of FLORENNES by 11.00.
15.	"	4th M.G. Bn.	FLORENNES etc.	ONHAYE - GERIN via ROSEE.	To move as ordered by 12th Bde. Group.
16.	"	4th Bde. Group.	BOUSSU - SILENRIEUX	FLORENNES Sub-Area. via PHILIPPEVILLE.	Not to enter FLORENNES before 11.15
17.	17th	4th M.G. Bn.	ONHAYE & GERIN	ANSERENNE via DINANT	

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,  
12th December, 1918.

AMENDMENT TO 4th AUST. DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 154.

1. In serial No. 4, Column 7 for "12.00" read "13.00".  
In Serial No. 6, Column 7 for "12.15" read "13.15".  
In Serial No. (13) column 5 for "ONHATE - GERIN" read "GERIN -  
WEILLEN".
2. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. F. Watson capt*

for Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Issued to all recipients of Div. Order No. 154.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

~~Adm. Instructions~~ Instructions issued under 4th Australian Divisional Order No. 154.

RAILHEAD.

1. Railhead for supplies commencing 13th December will be BEAUMONT changing to FLORENNES at at subsequent date which will be notified.

SUPPLIES.

2. Refilling points will be as follows:-

"A" Day	13th Brigade Group	SILENRIEUX.
	12th " "	SIVRY.
	4th " "	SAINS.
	Artillery Group	RANCE.

"B" Day	13th Brigade Group	FLORENNES.
	12th " "	SILENRIEUX
	4th " "	SIVRY.
	Artillery Group	PHILLIEVILLE.

"C" Day	13th Brigade Group	OMHAYE
	12th " "	FLORENNES
	4th " "	SILENRIEUX.
	Artillery Group	CORENNE

"D" Day	13th Brigade Group	DINANT
	12th " "	HASTIERE
	4th " "	FLORENNES
	Artillery Group	CORENNE.

TRANSPORT.

3. Extra Transport will be provided as follows:-

4th Brigade. 1 lorry will report at 7am and 2 lorries at 8 pm on "A" Day and will remain with Brigade Group until night of "C" Day.

12th Brigade. 3 lorries will report at 7 am on "A" Day 2 of which will remain with Brigade Group until night of "C" Day. The remaining lorry will do one trip and will return and report to 4th Bde. H.Q. SAINS by 8 pm on night of "A" Day.

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13th Brigade. 3 lorries will report at 7 am on "A" Day two of which will remain with Brigade Group until night of "C" Day, the remaining lorry will do one trip and will return and report to 4th Brigade H.Q. SAINS, by 8 pm on night of "A" Day.

M.G. Batt'n. 1 lorry will report at 7 am on "A" Day and will do one trip returning the same night and reporting to 4th Div. Sig. Coy. Sains.

O.R.E. One lorry will report at 7 am on "A" Day and will do one trip returning the same night reporting to Div. Sig. Coy. SAINS.

Signallers. 2 lorries will report at 7 am on "B" Day and remain with units until night of "C" Day.

Div. H.Q. 2 lorries will report at 7 am on "A" Day and remain with unit until night of "B" Day.

Artillery. 3 lorries will report at 7 am on "B" Day and remain with unit until night of "C" Day.

These lorries will be used to convey stores to final destination. Each lorry will be able to do one trip per day. Units will arrange to send forward all stores etc not required on move thus freeing 1st line transport for conveyance of blankets etc for use of men on the march. It is essential that the time table laid down should be adhered to. Any delay in returning lorries will seriously inconvenience the units following. On completion of move lorries will return on night of "C" Day to their respective M.T. Units. M.T. Drivers will be rationed by Brigades and units to which they are attached.

APPOINTMENT OF  
AREA COMDT.  
TOWN MAJORS.

4. (a) An Area Commandant will be detailed for the Divisional Area by 4th Aust. Div. Artillery and located at FLORENNES.

(b) Town Majors will be detailed as follows and will proceed forthwith under Brigade arrangements to take up their duties. Names of Officers selected will be wired to this Office.

P.T.O.

UNIT.

4th Bde.	will detail	Town Major for	PHILLIPEVILLE
"	"	"	FLORENNES
12th Bde.	"	"	WAULSORT
"	"	"	HASTIERE-LAVOUX.
"	"	"	HAFMAYON
13th Bde.	"	"	DEMANTE
"	"	"	{ ONHAYE }
"	"	"	{ GERMI }
+ 4th "A.L.G. En.	"	"	ANSEREMME +
4th Div. Arty.	"	"	ROSSE
"	"	"	{ CORENNE }
"	"	"	{ FLAYTON }
"	"	"	STAVE
"	"	"	{ BYESMERE
"	"	"	{ FURNAUX
"	"	"	{ EBBETON-SUR-BIERT.

(c) 5th Australian Division will relieve Town Majors at the following places:-

SERRERES	PAROUSIES	LIESSIES
WILLIES	SAINS	SIVRY
AVESNELLES	FELLERIES	FLAUMONT.

on handing over, Town Majors detailed by this Div. will rejoin their units.

- (d) Town Majors will reconnoitre the Area for
- (1) Latrines, Baths, Ablution Sheds, Drying Rooms, Cinema, Recreation and Lecture Halls existing in the Area.
  - (2) Latrines, Baths and Drying Rooms required to complete the equipment of the Area, so that the work may be put in hand and be ready for the troops on or soon after arrival.
  - (3) This information will be forwarded to this Office through Group Headquarters as early as possible.

BILLETING ACCOMMODATION OCCUPIED BY ARMY TROOPS. 5. The following Labour Companies are at present billeted at locations as follows:-

Company	Location	Strength	Work.
173 Labour Coy.	ANTHEE	390	Roads
714 "	ONHAYE	350	"
81 "	PHILLIPEVILLE	380	"

These Companies will be left undisturbed in their present Billets.

REINFORCEMENTS. 6. Railhead CHARLEROI.

Aust. Corps Reinft. Camp MARCHIENNE-AU-PONT.

4th Aust. Div. Wing FLORENNES

4th " " Reinft. Staging Depot ANTHEE

(a) Corps Reinft. Camp will take over all Reinfts. at CHARLEROI and accommodate them, despatching them later by local rail to 4th Aust. Div. Wing which will

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which will be established on 17th instant. Thence they will rejoin their units by march route staging when necessary at Div. Reinf't. Staging Depot which will be established on arriving in the Area.

(b) Reinforcements received during the move are being held at Corps Reinf't. Camp.

LEAVE.

7. (a) Before commencement of move all personnel proceeding on leave for 7 days after the commencement of the move will be sent to the Corps Reinf't. Camp at CATILLON. On arrival there, the Senior Officer proceeding each day will organize that days' leave men as a party.

(b) Thereafter from a date to be notified, Leave Trains will run from CHARLEROI. Leave men will proceed by returning Supply Wagons to Div. Wing whence they will be entrained to Corps Reinforcement Camp.

POLICE ARRANGEMENTS.

8. The D.A.P.M. will arrange for Police Personnel to be attached to Groups as follows:-

4th Aust. Inf. Bde.	5	Other Ranks
12th " " "	5	" "
13th " " "	5	" "
4th Aust. Div. Arty.	8	" "

This personnel will report to Group H.Q. on the night of 12th instant and rejoin their unit on completion of move.

R.E. STORES.

9. A small distributing centre is being arranged at RANCE from which Latrine Seats and R.E. Stores will be drawn through C.R.E.

SOCK EXCHANGE

10. Sock exchanges will be established at

Baths  
FLORENNES (Apply Town Major) SIVRY,  
where socks will be available to units during period of the move.

BATHS.

11. Arrangements are being made to establish Baths in the new area as follows:-

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
4th Brigade	FLORENNES	Bath Set will be erected under Div. arrangements
12th "	MASSEBETS LAVAUX	Baths (tubs) at building near Railway Station. Water supply - Good.
	SAULSORT	Bath Set will be erected under Div. arrangements
{ 13th "	DINANT	Baths at Rue St. Florro In full working order.
{ M.G. Bn. Artillery	MORVILLE	Baths at old railway station. Water supply - Fair.
D.A.C.	BIESMEREE	Set to be erected under Div. arrangements.
Clothing Exchange at DINANT. Clothing will be delivered to Baths as required under Div. Arrangements.		

DIV. COMFORTS  
FUND STORES.

DIV CANTEN  
OFFICER

ROE. VET. SEC.

SANITATION.

12. No. 59, Rue de la Gare. DINANT.

13. No. 1, Rue d'ogli30, BEAULONT. He will move to FLORENNES on change of Railroad.

14. CORENNE.

15(a) Before any billeting area is occupied, the Water supply will be examined and the good and bad sources clearly marked. All Water will be Chlorinated.

(b) Arrangements will be made at once in each billeting area for the disposal of manure. If Farmer will not remove it, it will be closely packed.

*W.F.M.S. Brumwood*

HEADQUARTERS,  
4th Aust. Div.,  
11th December 1918.

Major.  
for Lieut. Colonel.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Headquarters,  
3rd December, 1918.

WARNING ORDER.

Ref:- VALENCIENNES } 1 : 100,000  
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1. The Brigade Group will move to the MEUSE  
area as an early date.

- 2. A move table (provisional) and map are attached.
- 3. Detailed orders will be issued later.
- 4. Acknowledge.

*A. Nicholson*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued through Signals  
at.....to,

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| Copy No. | 1. 45th Bn.        | 8. 4th M.G.Bn.         |
|          | 2. 46th Bn.        | 9. 12th Field Coy.Eng. |
|          | 3. 48th Bn.        | 10. 12th Field Amb.    |
|          | 4. 12th A.L.T.M.B. | 11. 26th Coy.A.A.S.C.  |
|          | 5. G.O.C.          | 12. File.              |
|          | 6. Staff Captain.  | 13.-15. War Diary.     |
|          | 7. Sig. Officer.   | 16 -20. Spare.         |

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

MOVE TABLE (Provisional)  
to accompany WARNING ORDER of 3/12/1918.

Date.	Formation.	From	To	Remarks.
13 'A' Day.	12th A.I. Bde Group.	FLAUMONT Area.	SIVRY.	
14 'B' Day.	do.	SIVRY.	SILENRIEUX.	
15 'C' Day.	do.	SILENRIEUX.	FLORENNES.	
'D' Day.	do (less 4th M.C. Bn.)	FLOR ENNES.	HASTIERE LAVAUX WAULSORT.	
16 do.	4th M.C. Bn.	FLORENNES.	ONHAYE GERIN.	
17 'E' Day.	do.	ONHAYE & GERIN.	ANSEREMIE.	via DINANT.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 243.

Headquarters,  
11/12/18.

Ref:- VALENCIENNES. } 1 : 100000.  
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1. The 12th A.I.Bde. Group will move to the SIVRY area on 13th inst. in accordance with table overleaf. The Brigade Group will continue the move to the WAULSORT area on 14th, 15th, and 16th insts. March tables will be issued later.
2. Movement throughout the whole march will be in accordance with G.R.O. 5586 with the exception that 50 yard gaps will not be left between sections of 12 vehicles of Horse Transport.
3. Administrative Instructions will be issued separately.
4. Brigade Headquarters will close at AVESNES at 0900, 13/12/18 and reopen at SIVRY at the same hour.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓

*[Handwritten signature]*

Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Distribution:-

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|-------------|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Copy No. 1. | 45th Bn.             | 10.    | 12th Field Amb.           |
| 2.          | 46th Bn.             | 11.    | 26th A.A.S.C.             |
| 3.          | 48th Bn.             | 12.    | 4th Aust. Division.       |
| 4.          | 12th A.L.T.M.B.      | 13.    | 13th A.I.Bde.             |
| 5.          | G.O.C.               | 14.    | 4th A.I.Bde.              |
| 6.          | Staff Captain.       | 15.    | Area Commandant, AVESNES. |
| 7.          | Sig. Officer.        | 16.    | File.                     |
| 8.          | 4th M.G. Bn.         | 17-19. | War Diary.                |
| 9.          | 12th Field Coy. Eng. | 20-25. | Spare.                    |

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M A R C H T A B L E

to accompany 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade Order No. 243 of 11/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	Decr. 13th.	4th M.G. Battalion.	Fork Road on extreme East of FELLERIES, S. A. 47.78.	0915.	CLAIRFAYTS.	SIVRY.	Not to enter SIVRY before 1115.
2.		48th Battalion.	Fork Road, S. L. 75.55.	0900.	FELLERIES - CLAIRFAYTS.	SIVRY.	do.
3.		12th Field Ambulance.	do.	0916.	"	"	
4.		12th Field Coy. Eng.	do.	0924.	"	"	
5.		45th Battalion.	do.	0929.	"	"	
6.		Bde. H. Q. & Sig. Sect.	do.	0945.	"	"	
7.		12th A. L. T. M. B.	do.	0947.	"	"	
8.		46th Battalion.	do.	0949.	"	"	
9.		26th Coy. AASC.	do.	1004.	"	"	

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

to accompany 12th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 243. of 11/12/18.

SUPPLIES. Refilling Points will be as follows:-

13th inst.	SIVRY.
14th inst.	SILENRIEUX.
15th inst.	FLORENNES.
16th inst.	HASTIERE LAVAUX.

BILLETING. Advanced Billeting Parties will report to Staff Captain, at Town Major's Office,

0930. on 13th inst.	SIVRY.
0930. on 14th inst.	SILENRIEUX.
0930. on 15th inst.	FLORENNES.

Each Battalion will detail one Officer and 1 N.C.O., and each other Unit one Officer or N.C.O. to report to Lieut. G.P. LEANE, MC., at WAULSORT, on 14th inst. to reconnoitre final area.

TOWN MAJORS. Town Majors at AVESNELLES, FLAUMONT, and FELLERIES will hand over to advance parties of incoming Division and rejoin their Units.

TRANSPORT. Extra Transport will be allotted as follows:-

	G.S. Wagon.	G.S. Limber.
45th Bn.	2.	
46th Bn.	2.	
48th Bn.	2.	1.
12th Field Coy. Eng.		1.
12th Field Ambulance.		2.
H.Q., 4th M.G. Bn.	2.	

No. 1 Lorry. Will report to 12th A.I. Bde Pierrots, SIVRY at 0800, 13/12/18, and convey them to WAULSORT, then reporting to H. Qrs. 4th A.I. Bde. SAINS.

No. 2 Lorry. 13th inst. will convey one load for 45th Bn. to WAULSORT.

14th inst. will convey 12th A.I. Bde. Canteen and 12th A.L.T.M.B. surplus gear to WAULSORT.

TRANSPORT. Continued,  
No. 3 Lorry. 13th inst. will convey one load 46th Bn. gear to WAULSORT.  
14th inst. will convey one load 48th Bn. gear to WAULSORT.

Lorries will report at 0800 on days referred to above. 46th Bn. and 48th Bn. will dump one load of surplus gear till the 14th inst. under a Guard of 1 N.C.O. & 2 men, location of dump to be advised to this Office. Units will arrange to ration personnel proceeding with surplus gear.

LEAVE. On the 12th inst. all leave personnel up to the 21st inst will proceed under Unit arrangements to CATILLON under Senior Officer proceeding, and report to Corps Reinforcement Camp. 48 hours rations to be carried.

REINFORCEMENTS, will be held at Corps Reinforcement Camp till move is completed, and then proceed to 4th Div. Reinf. Wing at FLORENNES. 4th Div. Reinf. Wing will move to FLORENNES on 17th inst.

RAILHEAD. Will be at BEAUMONT on 15th inst.

MOB&VET. SECT. CORENNE.

SOCKS. Clean change may be obtained at SIVRY and FLORENNES during the move, on application to Town Major.

AUST. COMFORTS FUND. 59 Rue de la Gare, DINANT.

*M. D. Gwynnes, Lt*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
13th December, 1948.

All Units Brigade Group.

Billeting Returns will be rendered for Billets occupied, also Return handed to Town Major showing:-

- (1) Name of owner.
- (2) Number of Troops billeted.

H.Q.  
12th AUSTRALIAN  
INFANTRY BRIGADE  
No. 6602/18  
Date 13/12/48

*[Signature]*  
Captain.  
Staff Captain.  
12th A.I. Brigade



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12th Aust. Infantry Brigade Order No. 245.

Copy No. 8.....

Ref. NAMUR, 1 : 100000

Headquarters,  
14/12/18.

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move by march route to FLORENNES area tomorrow, 15th inst. in accordance with March Table overleaf.

2. Brigade Headquarters will close at SILENRIEUX at 0900 and reopen at FLORENNES on arrival.

ACKNOWLEDGE. ✓



Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued to Signals at 1710...

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## MARCH

## TABLE

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to accompany 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 245 of 14/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit.	Starting point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks.
1.	Decr. 15th.	46th Battalion.	Road & Rlwy Crossing, 4.F.00.72.	09 15.	PHILIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE - St. AUBIN.	FLORENNES.	Midday halt will be made from 1250 to 1400.
2.	"	Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Section.	"	09 31	"	"	"
3.	"	12th A.L.T.M.B.	"	09 35	"	"	"
4.	"	12th Field Ambulance.	"	09 40	"	"	"
5.	"	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	09 49	"	"	"
6.	"	48th Battalion.	"	10 05	"	"	"
7.	"	12th Field Coy. Eng.	"	10 22.	"	"	"
8.	"	4th M.G. Battalion.	X Roads, 4.E.66.74.	10 10	PHILIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE.	ST. AUBIN.	do.
9.	"	45th Battalion.	"	10 31	"	"	"

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In searching FLORENNES  
with 1st unit you will stage  
at WEILLEN and GERIN  
in route to ANSERENNE  
your Bulletin will  
be done in the above  
village under ground  
own arrangements to  
in the 15th unit the HQ 13th Bde  
will be in GERIN and the  
5th Bn in WEILLEN and  
reconnoitre route ROSE  
SERVILLE WEILLEN and  
forward report to the  
HQ by 1600 tomorrow at  
FLORENNES

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From 17A Bde  
By  
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The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

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12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
14/12/18.

All Units of Brigade Group.

Following are the points noticed at Starting Point of today's route march.

1. All Units passed Starting Point on centre of road. Units must march on right of the road.
2. 45th Bn. Numbers of men with hats turned down at side. 6 men on baggage wagons.
3. 46th Bn. Officers wearing Raincoats and men not.
4. 48th Bn. 2 men (presumably batmen) ahead, waiting for the column. 3 men on bicycles passing the column. If these were portion of billeting party they should have gone on ahead.
5. A.S.Bn. (a) 4 men on bikes passing Engineers column. Same remarks apply as per para 4.  
(b) 2 men being carried on litters.  
(c) 1 Company wearing leather jerkins, remainder of Battalion not, except a few odd men. Uniformity is required. 3 men smoking on march, (2 men in ranks and 1 in transport.)
6. Ambulance. Irregularity of equipment of personnel. Transport drivers, 3 without any equipment.
7. Field Company. 3 men in 46th Bn. column, - on bicycles with dikes.  
Brakemen without equipment.  
on left of vehicles.
8. Brigade Headquarters. 2 men on wagons.  
Please rectify these faults.

H.Q.
12TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE
No. 6646/18
Date 14.12.18

*A. Barclay*  
Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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12th AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER NO. 24<sup>c</sup>.

Copy No. .... 8

Headquarters,  
15/12/18.

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Ref. NAMUR, 1 : 100000.

1. The 12th A.I. Brigade Group will move by March Route to the WAULSORT Sub-Area tomorrow, 16/12/18, in accordance with March Table Overleaf.

2. Brigade Headquarters will close at FLORENNES at 0900, and re-open at WAULSORT on arrival.

3. On leaving main DINANT road, the 4th M.C. Bn. will come under their own orders for remainder of move to ANSEREMME, staging at WEILLEN area night of 16/17th insts.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Captain,  
A/Brigade Major,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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M A R C H      T A B L E.

TO ACCOMPANY 12th A.I. Brigade Order No. 24<sup>e</sup> of 15/12/18.

Serial No.	Date.	Unit,	Starting point.	Time.	Route.	Destination.	Remarks
1.	16th.	45th Battalion.	Road Jctn. 3.H.29.01.	0815.	ROSEE - ANTHEE, HASTIERE LAVATX.	HASTIERE LAVAUX.	Midday halt, 1150
2.	"	Bde. H.Q. & Sig. Section.	"	0833.	"	WAULSORT,	tc 1300
3.	"	12th A.L.T.M.B.	"	0836.	"	Chateau, 4.K.26.72.	
4.	"	26th Coy. A.A.S.C.	"	0841.	"	HASTIERE LAVAUX.	
5.	"	48th Battalion.	"	0900.	"	WAULSORT.	
6.	"	12th Field Ambulance.	"	0917.	"	"	
7.	"	12th Field Coy. Eng.	"	0926.	"	HASTIERE par DELA.	
8.	"	46th Battalion.	"	0937.	ROSEE - GOCHFENEE.	AGIMONT.	Midday halt 1250 to 1400
9.	"	4th M.G. Battalion.	"	1004.	ROSEE - SERVILLE.	WEILLEN.	Midday halt 1150 to 1300

## 12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
15/12/18.All Units of Brigade Group.

DISCIPLINE. Units will be responsible for the closing of all Estaminets in their area at 2100, and arrange for all men to be in their billets at Lights Out.

BILLETING. Billeting parties will proceed as shown hereunder under unit arrangements.

45th Battalion.	HASTIERRE LAVAUX.
46th BATTALION.	ASIMONT.
48th Battalion.	WAULSORT.
12th Field Amb.	WAULSORT.
12th Field Coy. Eng.	HASTIERRE par DELAIS.
28th Coy. A.A.S.C.	HASTIERRE LAVAUX.
12th A.L.T.M.B.	Chateau De FRYER.

Parties will report to Unit representatives in the above towns.

SYNCHRONIZATION. An Officer of each unit of the Brigade Group will report to Brigade Major, Brigade Headquarters, at 0700, 15/12/18, for synchronization of watches.

MARCH DISCIPLINE. At the Starting point this morning it was noticed that standing vehicles were occupying centre of the road.

All troops and transport must keep to the right of the road to allow the traffic to pass.

H.Q.	
12th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE	
No.	6685/18
Date.	15.12.18

*AB*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
12th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

AO. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 159.

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Reference 1/100,000 Sheet  
NAMUR. B-

12/13/18.

- (1) a. The 4th. Aust. Div. is moving forward to the MEUSE area by Brigade Groups.
- b. The 13th. Brigade Group consists of :-
  - 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
  - 13th. Field Coy. Aust. Engrs.
  - 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn.
  - 13th. Aust. Field Amb.
  - 27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
  - "K" Sub-sect. D.A.C.
  - 4th. Aust. San. Soc.
- c. For purposes of the move, the 4th. Aust. San. Section will march and billet with the 13th. Aust. Field Amb.: and the Headquarters of "K" Sub-section D.A.C. with the 13th. L.T.H.B.
- d. Moves for the first day will be in accordance with March tables attached. Tables for the other stages will be forwarded later.
- (2). The distances laid down in G.R.O. 5586 will be observed and NOT those mentioned in Fourth Army G.S. 128.
- (3). Separate administrative instructions are being issued.
- (4). A C K N O W L E D G E.

*I Shouch*

Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. Captain,

Issued at noon.

Extra Copies to :-

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 14. 13th. Field Coy. Aust. Engrs. | 19. 4th. Aust. San. Section. |
| 15. 4th. Aust. Pioneer Bn.        | 20. K Sub-section D.A.C.     |
| 16. 13th. Aust. Field Amb.        | 21. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.    |
| 17. 27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.           | 22. 4th. Aust. D.A.          |
| 18. Brigade Supply Officer.       | 23. 4th. Aust. H.G. Bn.      |

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time to pass.	Destination.	Route.	Remarks.
13/12/18.	51st. Bn.	Shrine at 4.0.23.02.	0900	SILENRIEUX.	SIVRY Sta. - RENLIÉS - VERGNIES - ERPION -	Midday halt will be made from 1150 to 1300.
	13th. Fld. Amb ) & 4 San. Sec. )	do.	0915	do.	do.	
	13 Fld. Coy.	do.	0921	do.	do.	
	13 Bde. HQ.	do.	0928.	do.	do.	
	13 LTLB.	do.	0930	do.	do.	
	27th. AASC.	do.	0932	do.	do.	
	49th. Bn.	do.	0935	do.	do.	
	4 Pioneer Bn.	do.	1005	BOUSSU-LEZ- WALCOURT.	do.	
	50th. Bn.	do.	1025	do.	do.	



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13TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,  
12th December, 1918.

Administrative Instructions  
to accompany Brigade Order 159.

PART I.

BILLETING

The following arrangements will apply:-

<u>D. Y.</u>	<u>STAGING AREA.</u>	<u>TOWN MAJOR OR N.C.O.</u>
First	(SILVERIUX and BOUSSU)	Lt. Sedgwick, 49th Bn. Café opposite Church Silverieux Cpl. Stevenson, 49th Bn. C O Maire, Boussu.
Second	FLORENNES	Lt. Timbury, 51st Bn. C O Maire, Florennes.
	ST LUBIN	Cpl. Huggins with Lt. Timbury)
Third	ONH Y. and RT.	Lt. Moseley; 49th Bn. at Villa on right hand side of road at western entrance to Ohaye.

Particulars of billeting in the various areas are given on the attached list. The various Town Majors have all been over their areas and know the sub areas allotted to units.

On the 12th inst. billeting parties will report to Lieut. Sedgwick at SILVERIUX.

On 13th inst. a billeting Officer or N.C.O. from each unit will report to Lieut. Timbury at FLORENNES and billeting parties from each unit will follow on and report to their billeting Officers either on 13th inst. or on morning of 14th inst.

On 14th inst. billeting Officers or N.C.Os. from Brigade HQ., 49th Bn., Pioneer Bn., 13th Field Ambulance, 13th Field Co. Ingrs., 27th Coy A.S.C. and Trench Mortar Bty. will report to Lieut. Moseley at ONH Y. and billeting parties will follow on as far the 13th inst.: on 14th inst. billeting Officers from 50th Bn. and 51st Bn. will proceed direct to WILLES and FALLEN respectively.

On 13th inst. a Billeting Officer from 49th Bn., 50th Bn., 51st Bn., Pioneer Bn., 13th Field Co. Aust. Ingrs. and a N.C.O from 27th Co. A.S.C., T.M. Bty. will be conveyed by lorry (as set out hereunder) to DINANT and this party will report to the Acting Staff Captain at the eastern end of the Bridge, DINANT at 0900 hours on 14th inst. and will remain in DINANT until the Brigade arrives in that area.

Units will arrange to send on 15th inst. billeting parties to report to their respective billeting Officers at DINANT

The billeting Officers and N.C.Cs. will report as follows in order to be conveyed by lorries to DINANT:-

1. To report at Hq. 49th Bn. at 0700 hours on 13th inst. Officers from 49th Bn. and 51st Bn.: N.C.C. from 15th ... Bty.
2. To report at Hq. 50th Bn. at 0700 hours on 13th inst. (two lorries).  
Officers from 50th Bn., Pioneer Bn., 15th Field Co. Ingrs. and N.C.C. from 27th Co. ASC.

The abovementioned lorries are being used to carry material to DINANT and only one representative from each unit can be carried.

TRANSPORT  
ARRANGEMENTS.

3 lorries will be available on the 13th inst.: 2 on 14th inst. and 2 on 15th inst. and on the night of 15th inst. the two remaining lorries are to report back to their M.T. Coys without fail.

Each lorry will make a trip daily to DINANT and return to SIVRY: Material taken by lorry for 49th Bn. and 50th Bn. will be dumped at DINANT near the Ecole Regimentaire (near the Gendarmerie).

Material taken by lorry for Brigade Hq., 51st Bn., Canteen and Sanitary Section will be dumped in P.C.V. enclosure across the road from the Chateau at BOUVIGNES.

Units will arrange that each lorry takes a Dump guard of 1 N.C.C. and 1 O/R. on the first day and the second day 1 N.C.C. and 2 O/R's: as these lorries are being used to carry billeting parties on the first day no further personnel can be carried.

It is essential that every expedition should be used in loading lorries and in despatching them not later than 0730 hours daily, and in seeing that they return immediately they are unloaded as otherwise the undermentioned timetable cannot be adhered to.

The lorries are allotted as follows:-

<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LORRY NO.</u>	<u>REPORT TO PRESENT HQ. (SIVRY) OF</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
0700	13	1	49th Bn.	(SIVRY)
0700	13	2	50th "	Takes 1/2 load and reports 49th Bn.
0720	13	2	49th "	Takes half load
0700	13	3	50th "	
0700	14	1	51st Bn.	
0700	14	2	13th Bde. Hq.	Takes a full load.
0700	15	1	13th Bde. Canteen	Takes a full load.
0700	15	2	13th Bde. Hq. (Sanitary Section)	Takes a half load and reports to canteen.
0715	15	2	13th Bde. Canteen	Takes a half load.

TRANSPORT  
 REGIMENTAL HQ'S  
 (Cont.)

The above arrangement necessitates an alteration of Horse transport which will now be arranged as undermentioned and all interchanging of transport as set out below will be completed by 1500 hours on 12th inst. Rations for horses and drivers will be arranged between units concerned.

1. Bde. HQ. To send one D.A.C. limber to the Sanitary Section and 1 G.S. wagon to 50th Bn.
2. Sanitary Section. Receives 1 D.A.C. limber from Bde HQ. (The Sanitary Section will make its dump with the Bde. HQ. dump at SIVRY.) Bde. HQ. and Sanitary Section receive one and half lorry loads as set out above.
3. 49th Bn. Dumps 33,000 rounds S.A.: loads of 2 tool limbers and other material to make up one and half lorry loads provided for in the above timetable.

Extra Regimental Transport -

Receives from 51st Bn. 1 G.S. Wagon (D.A.C.)  
 " " D.A.C. 1 G.S. Wagon (already reported)  
 " " D.A.C. 1 limber (do)

4. 50th Bn. Dumps material as set out for 49th Bn. to make up one and half lorry loads as provided for in the above time table;

Extra Regimental Transport -

Receives from 51st Bn. 1 limber  
 " " Bde. HQ. 1 G.S. Wagon.

5. 51st Bn. Dumps 33,000 rounds S.A. loads of tool wagons and other material to make up 1 lorry load as provided for on the above time table.

Extra Regimental Transport -

Receives 2 G.S. wagons (D.A.C.) now reported  
 One G.S. wagon now with 51st Bn. to go to 49th bn. (D.A.C.).  
 One limber now with 51st Bn. to go to 50th Bn.

6. Other Units: Extra transport already allotted remains with units for the move.

OST/L.

When drawing supplies Postal orderlies must go with wagons to refilling point daily.

*15th Nov 1918*

Lieut.  
 A/Staff Captain, 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

CAO.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 160.

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NAMIUR. 8.

- Moves to the FLORENNES, ONHAYE, GERIN, and DINANT areas on 14th., 15th., and 16th. December will be in accordance with the table hereunder.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

*J. G. Houch*  
 Captain,  
 Brigade Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Issued at 2100.

Distribution as per Brigade Order 159.

Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time to pass	Destination.	Route	REMARKS.
14/12/18.	51st. Bn.	Road and Railway crossing 4.F.00.71.	0830	FLORENNES	PHILIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE.	Midday halt from 1150 to 1300.
	13 Fld. Coy.	do.	0845	do.	do.	do.
	13 Fld. Amb. & 4 San. Sec.	do.	0902	do.	PHILIPPEVILLE - crossroads 4.H.11.49.	do.
	13 Bdo. H.Q.	do.	0908	do.	do.	do.
	13 L.T.M.B.	do.	0910	do.	do.	do.
	13 L.T.M.B.	do.	0912	do.	do.	do.
	27 A.A.S.C.	do.	0915	do.	do.	do.
	49th. Bn.	do.	0915	do.	do.	do.
	4 Pioneer Bn.	Cross Roads 4.E. 66.74.	0900	St AUBIN.	PHILIPPEVILLE - HEMPTINNE.	Midday halt from 1250 to 1400.
	50th. Bn.	do.	0920	do.	do.	do.

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Date.	Unit.	Starting Point.	Time to Pass	Destination.	Route.	Remarks.
15/12/18.	51st. Bn.	Road junction 3.H.29.01.	0730	FALAEN	CORENNE - FLAVION.	Midday halt as arranged by CO. after clearing FLAVION.
	49th. Bn.	do.	0800	GERIN	ROSEE - ANTHEE.	----- Midday halt 1150 to 1300.
	13 Fld. Amb. & 4 San. Sec.	do.	0818	ONHAYE	do.	do.
	13 L.T.M.B.	do.	0824	do.	do.	do.
	27 A.A.S.C.	do.	0826	do.	do.	do.
	13 Fld. Coy.	do.	0828	do.	do.	do.
	13 Bde. H.Q.	do.	0835	GERIN	do.	do.
	4 Pioneer Bn.	Road & Rly. crossing 3.H.10.02.	0820	ONHAYE	do.	do.
	50th. Bn.	do.	0837	WEILLEN	ROSEE - SERVILLE.	do.
16/12/18.	13 Fld. Amb. & 4 San. Sec.	Road junction 4.K.15.97.	0900	DINANT.	Direct.	
	13 L.T.M.B.	do.	0906	do.	do.	
	27 A.A.S.C.	do.	0908	do.	do.	
	13 Fld. Coy.	do.	0910	do.	do.	
	49th. Bn.	Road junction 4.J.89.94.	0900	do.	via ONHAYE.	
	13 Bde. H.Q.	do.	0920	BOUVIGNES	do.	Chateau BOUVIGNES.
	50th. Bn.	Road junction 3.J.94.13.	0930	DINANT	via Road junction 4.K.15.97.	
	51st. Bn.	FALAEN.	0900	BOUVIGNES	via SOMMIERES.	
	4 Pioneer Bn.	-	-	-	-	Remain at ONHAYE.

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*The Battalion will move to the SIVRY area on 13th Inst AAA Detailed instructions will be issued later AAA on lorry has been allotted to Batt for surplus baggage and boys will return to Batt 9 AM by 1600 the 12th Inst all Packoadway.*

From *4th Aust MG Bn*  
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TO { 24th Coy

Sender's Number. \* 5132 Day of Month. 12/12/18 In reply to Number. AAA

Detachment 1 NCO and 2  
men to report B.M. at  
1500 today AAA Required  
to accompany baggage train  
to ANSERENNE and to  
remain there guarding  
baggage AAA Rations will  
be drawn here

From 4th Aust G Bn  
Place  
Time 1000

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z) [Signature]

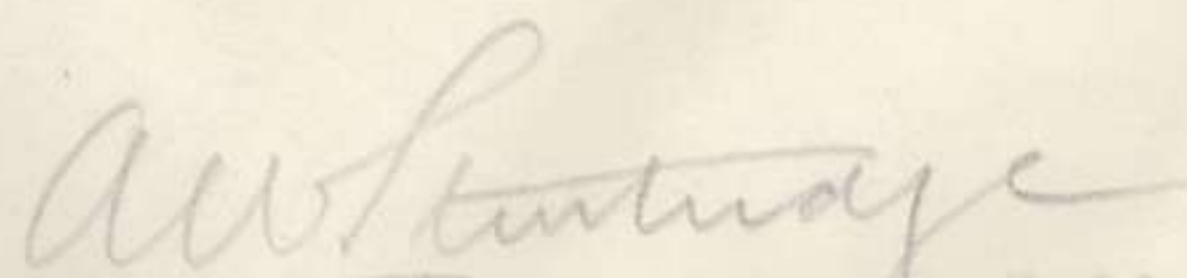
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4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.ORDER. NO. 53.Reference Map NAMUR 1/100,000.

1. (a) The 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion will move by March Route with 1st Brigade Group to SIVRY area on the 13th instant. The move will be continued to ANSERENNE on the 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th instants.
  - (b) Starting Point will be Fork-Roads at S.A. 47.78. Head of column will pass starting point at 09.15. Units will be in position with head of column at starting point by 09.30.
  - (c) Route via GLAIRFAYTS.
  - (d) Order of March - Band, 4th Coy., 15th Coy., 24th Coy., 18th Coy., Battalion Headquarters. Men with bicycles will push bicycles and march in front of respective Companies.
  - (e) Transport will accompany Battalion under Battalion Transport Officer.
  - (f) <sup>DRESS</sup> Full Marching Order (both blankets to be carried on gun limbers).
  - (g) Details of move for 14th inst. will be issued later.
2. Movement will be in accordance with G.R.O. 5898 except that 50 yards interval will not be left between sections of 18 vehicles of Horse Transport.
3. BILLETING. Lieut. SIMMONS is detailed as Battalion Billeting Officer and Company and Transport representatives will report to him as follows:-
 

13th inst.	at 09.00	Town Major's Office	SIVRY.
14th "	" 09.00	" "	SILVERMUNX.
15th "	" 09.00	" "	FLORENNES.
4. MARCH DISCIPLINE. Attention is drawn to memorandum of 25/11/18  
March Discipline.

  
 S/Lieut.  
 Asst/Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.



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4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.  
15th December, 1918.

All Companies.  
T.O.

Ref. Map NAMUR 1/100000.

The Battalion will continue the move tomorrow, 14th instant, staging the night 14/15th at BOUSSU-lez-WALCOURT.

The starting point will be the Shrine at 4.c.25.03, and the head of the column will pass that point at 1001.

Order of march will be :- 15th Coy, 4th Coy, 12th Coy, 24th Coy, Battalion Headquarters, and Battalion Transport.

Midday halt will be made from 1150 to 1300.

*AW Sturbridge 211*

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4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

16/12/18

All boys T.O.

Ref Map NAMUR 1/100000

Starting point for tomorrow's move is X Roads at 4 K 16.97 E.

Time 10:00

Order of march: Batt HQ, 14th Coy, 13th Coy, 12th Coy, 24th Coy, Battalion Transport.

Route VIA DINANT

Destination ANSEREMME

Relief parties will report to LIEUT GREENSON at the Church ANSEREMME 20.00

*AW Sturbridge 211*

Appendix B

4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

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REPORT ON TRAINING.

DECEMBER, 1918.

TRAINING.

There have been few opportunities for continuous training until the Battalion arrived at billets at ANSEREMME. Whilst stationary, the morning has been devoted to training, and the afternoon to sports. Two Battalion parades were held each week, and route marches, section drill, gun drill and range practices, and lectures formed the chief features of the training. Educational classes have also been held between 11.00 and 12.00, and during the afternoon and evening. Classes in the following subjects have been commenced, and are now on a firm basis :-

French, Mathematics, Shorthand, Bookkeeping and German. Study circles in Farming and Motor Mechanics have been started, and are well attended and considerable interest shown. A series of lectures was given by Chaplain Finigan.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

The three Battalion Football Teams, i.e. Rugby, Association and Australian Rules, have been training hard and are in good form. No matches in the Divisional Competition have so far been played.

A number of concerts have been given in the Companies, also small dances, card tournaments, etc, all of which were enthusiastically attended and enjoyed.

Major.  
4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

Appendix B.

4th AUSTRALIAN  
MACHINE GUN  
BATTALION.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

WEEK ENDING 18th December 1918.

09.00 to 12.00

14.00 to 15.30

MONDAY 9th. Coy. Parade. Range Practices for 4th and 24th Coys. Sports Parade.  
 Coy. and Section Drill. Rifle exercises. Recreational Games.  
 Lecture for 19th Coy. and 2 sections 13th Coy. at 11.00 .

TUESDAY 10th. Battalion Parade. Route March - Full Sports Parade.  
Marching Order.  
 Lecture for 4th Coy. and 2 sections 13th Coy. at 11.00.

WEDNESDAY 11th. Coy. Parade. Range Practices for 12th Sports Parade.  
 and 13th Coys. Company and Section Drill. Recreational Games. Rifle Exercises. Lecture for 24th Coy. and Transport at 11.00.

THURSDAY 12th. Coy. Parade. Range Practices for Sports Parade.  
 2 Companies. Company and Section Drill. Recreational Games.  
 Rifle Exercises. Lecture 11.00.

FRIDAY 14th. Battalion Parade. Route March - Sports Parade.  
Full Marching Order.  
 Lecture 11.00

SATURDAY 14th. Coy. Parade. Company and Section Sports Parade.  
Drill. Gun Drill.  
 Lecture. 11.00.

SUNDAY 15th. Church Parade. Captain.

*W. Cronch*  
 Adj., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

S P O R T S.

Minutes of Meeting held at FELLERIES 8th December 1918.

1. SELECTION COMMITTEE.

<u>RUGBY.</u> 4th Coy. - Cpl. C.A. BENSOL.	<u>SOCCER.</u> 4th Coy. - L/Cpl. SAXON.
12th Coy. - " T.C. UPTON.	12th Coy. - Pto. THOMSON.
13th Coy. - Sgt. HUNTER.	13th Coy. - " FISHER.
24th Coy. - L/Cpl. SPRATT.	24th Coy. - " HEATH.
<u>AUSTRALIAN.</u> 4th Coy. - Cpl. PERRY.	
12th Coy. - " SMITH.	
13th Coy. - Bto. CLARK.	
24th Coy. - Spr. McDOWELL.	

2. TRAINERS. RUGBY. - Pto. CLEMENTS AUSTRALIAN. - C.S. REDFORD.  
SOCCER. Cpl. PAYNE.

3. EQUIPMENT. The following is a list of football material on hand to date:-  
Covers Soccer - 5. Covers Rugby - 3.  
Bladders " - 8. Bladders " - 3.  
Knickers Blue. - 24.  
Decided that they be kept in custody of Q.M. Any team requiring material to obtain same through Sports Officer.

4. FUNDS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT.

(a) C.O. to be asked for authority to purchase Guernseys and Socks (3 complete sets) by subscription or by subscription supplemented by Regimental Funds.

(b) Football boots are urgently needed.

Decided to obtain permission to convert required number worn boots into football boots. (Later: C.O. has given this permission subject to arrangement with D.A.D.O.S.)

A number of football boots to be bought and sold to footballers at reduced cost. (C.O. has agreed to reduction in cost being borne by Regimental Funds.)

5. Re LETTER FROM COL. FRENCH - 1st Aust. M.G. Bn - proposing match.

Decided not to play a match in any game until after Move, but to devote time in the near future for training and organising teams.

FOOTBALL GROUNDS. The respective teams occupying grounds to be responsible for the upkeep and the preparation of grounds for matches.

7. TRAINING. C.O. has approved the following hours of training:-

Morning. 11.00 to 12.00 Afternoon. 14.00 to 15.30

All work of football training undertaken before 12.00 will be authorised by Bn. H.Q. through respective Companies. In order to affect this the following procedure will be adhered to :-

Bn. Sports Officer will keep Bn. H.Q. informed of personnel of Battalion teams.

Members of selection committee in each company will keep their Coy. Orderly Room informed of names of footballers.

8. BATHS.

To be open to footballers from 15.30 till 16.00

9. TRAINER. Trainer of each team to be the link between the team and Battalion Sports Officer.10. TEAMS.

To be selected by committee at 10.00 on 9th December names to be submitted to Battalion Sports Officer same day by Trainers

The Meeting Closed.

*(Signature)* Major.  
Sports Officer.  
4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 90,

by

MAJOR G.F. DUCHATEL, M.C.,

A/C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

3rd December, 1918.

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PART I.

PARADES.

1. The Battalion will parade at Battalion Parade Ground (L.I.C.G.S., approximately) field adjacent to football ground) at 0930.

*DRILL*  
Dress - ~~Parade~~ Order.

Markers to report to R.S.M. on ground at 0915 with parade states.

TRAINING.

2. Work for the morning will include:-

Inspection by the C.O.

Demonstration in Guard Mounting by 12th Coy.

Route March.

Lecture to 12th Coy at Lecture Room adjoining

F.M.C.A. at 1100.

GERMAN MONEY. 3. There is at the present time practically nothing but German money in reoccupied BELGIUM.

This money is subject commercially to depreciation of about 80%. *ALL RANKS ARE.*

~~The troops should be~~ warned that the Belgian shop keepers will endeavour to induce them to accept this money at pre war value, and that if they do so they will be accepting at their own risk money which they will only be able to exchange later at considerable loss.

DELAYED  
MAILS.

4. It is notified that owing to truck shortage at the Base Ports the receipt of all unit mails in the Field has been very irregular of late and it is not expected that the position will improve in the immediate future.

*H.W. Louch* Captain,  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

4TH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.	
No.	.....
Date	.....

## BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 91.

by

Major G. F. DUCHAYNE, M.C.

A/C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

3rd. December 1918.

## PART .I.

## SALVAGE.

1. Commencing on the 4th instant Companies in succession will detail one complete Section daily for salvage work in FELLINIERE Area.

8th Coy. will supply this Section on 4th inst., 13th Coy. on the 5th., 18th. on the 6th., and 4th. on the 7th. and so on in the above order.

Section Officers will report to Adjutant at 4 p.m. on the day previous, for detailed instructions.

## BREAD TICKETS IN FRANCE.

2. Personnel proceeding on leave or duty to places in France will in future be supplied with Journey Bread Cards with their leave pass to enable them to purchase bread from French Civilian sources. No bread can be obtained without a Bread Card.

## CANTEN.

3. The following is a statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Battalion Canteen for the month of November 1918.

Receipts.

1918.		France.
Nov. 1.	To Balance Cash on Hand.	5088.80
" 18.	" Amount of Claim Returned.	18.00
" 30.	" Cash Sales for Month.	17983.48
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		21086.68

Expenditure.

Nov. 30.	By Goods bought for Resale	10911.00
" "	" " " as Comforts	
	and issued to Troops.	1384.30
" "	" Canteen Expenses.	14.70
" "	" Cash Reimbursed to Canteen	
	as charge.	318.00
" "	" Balance Cash on Hand.	8442.88
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		21066.68
Dec. 1.	By Balance on Hand.	8442.88
Nov. 30.		<hr/>

*H. W. Cronch* Captain.  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

NOTICE.FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THURSDAY.

RUGBY. Final of Cup Competition - 4th Coy. v 13th Coy. - 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL. 4th M.G. Bn. v 15th Bn. at SAINE. - 3 p.m.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 92,  
by  
MAJOR G.F. DUCHATEL, M.C.,  
A/C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

4th December, 1918.

PART I.

PARADES.

1. The Battalion will parade at 0930 as per Syllabus.  
Dress - Drill Order.  
Markers - 0915 with parade states.  
All Rugby and Soccer footballers are excused from attending this parade.

MOBILIZATION.

2. The Lecture to be given by Lieut. HOLMAN to 24th Coy. at 1100 will be attended also by remainder of the Transport, each Company and Battalion H.Q. This will be the fourth and last time for Lieut. HOLMAN to give this Lecture and all men who were prevented from attending before will attend.

BATHS.

3. It is expected that the Battalion Baths will be erected near the demolished bridge by noon tomorrow. 15th Coy will supply a working party of 1 H.Q.O. and 6 other ranks to report to Div. Baths H.Q.O. at site of Baths at 0930.

Baths are allotted as follows :-

8th instant - 1300	-	Battalion Transport.
		1500 - 24th Coy.
8th " - 0930	-	15th Coy.
		1100 - 12th Coy.
		1300 - 4th Coy.
		1800 - Battalion H.Q. and Sig. Section.

1 Officer from each Company will report to Baths one hour previous to above times to receive that the Baths are ready to receive Company.

A clean change of clothing will be available.

TREWOOD.

4. A complaint has been received from the owner of Sawmill near 4th Coy H.Q. that troops are taking for firewood the seasoned turned taps and circular pieces stored inside the mill. It is pointed out that this wood is very valuable and is the property of a French civilian. The theft must be discontinued at once. C.O. 4th Coy will include in Orders for Guard the protection of this wood.

*H. W. Crouch*

Captain,  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

NOTICE.

The Rugby Football Match (Final for Cup) will take place at 1315, 4th instant, and not at 1400 as notified in yesterday's Orders.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 95.

by

Major C.F. DUCHATEL, M.C.

A/C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion

6th December 1918.

PART. I.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

1. It is proposed shortly to form Classes and Study Groups in the following subjects:-

- (1) Australian History.
- (2) Book Keeping.
- (3) French Conversation.
- (4) Arithmetic.
- (5) Shorthand.
- (6) English Literature.
- (7) German.

Nominations of those willing to avail themselves of this opportunity are to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters by 10th instant.

EXTRACT.

2. With reference to the publication "Extracts from The Weekly Press and Parliament Summary" issued to all Companies and Messes T.O.. This paper is for information only and is not to be confused with A.I.F. Demobilization Scheme.

CLAIMS.

3. The French Mission have drawn attention to the serious claims which are being received for wood removed by Troops from billets etc., for use as fuel. Attention is drawn to G.R.O. 1036. O.C., Units will take immediate steps to prevent further pilfering.

LEAVE:-

WARNING TO MEN PROCEEDING ON LEAVE TO LONDON.

4. The following memorandum received from Administrative Headquarters A.I.F., London is promulgated for information. This report is to be published in all unit orders and read out to all men on parade:-

"I respectfully beg to report that there is a strong suspicion that many undesirable characters, both male and female, of the class that endeavour to cultivate acquaintance with members of the A.I.F. on leave in London are at the present moment employing for the purpose of drugging and subsequent robbery, small tablets of the appearance of saccharine, which these individuals proffer for the use of any of our men in whose company they may be eating.

The action of whatever drug is contained in the above tablets is to produce almost immediate drowsiness followed by complete stupor. On revival a slight loss of memory frequently results and the victim has usually only a confused recollection of the person with whom he has been in company, and on the circumstances of their meeting, and is in fact incapable of giving any detailed account of what has transpired.

There is abundant cause to believe that several members of the A.I.F. in this City, who have been recently robbed of their wallets and paybooks etc., and have been able to furnish practically no information as to the occurrence, have been victims to persons using the above tablets.

I respectfully beg to suggest that all members of the A.I.F. may be warned through the medium of A.I.F. Orders or by the various furlough offices concerned, as to the inadvisability of accepting any so called saccharine tablets proffered for their use by comparative strangers in whose company they may happen to be."

( DAG. A.I.F. Cir. Memo. No. 7/183 of 1/12/18.)

SCALE OF CLOTHING.

5. Men returning to Australia on 1915 Furlough will take ordinary winter clothing plus 1 blanket per man for use on the voyage. Clothing under table 3 of G.R.O. 5103 will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. and must not be taken by men going on Furlough.

*H. W. ...*

Captain.

Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.



BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 94  
by  
MAJOR E. J. RADFORD, D.S.O.,  
A/C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

8th December, 1918.

PART I.

and R.T.  
CERTIFICATES.

1. Companies will forward a Nominal Roll, to reach Battalion H.Q. by 6 p.m., 11th instant, of all H.C.Os. and men who hold Aldershot Certificates in P. and R.T.

PART II.

APPOINTMENTS  
&  
DEMISSIONS  
(P. & R.T. of  
12/18).

1. 4th Coy.  
2177 T/Sgt J. S. McDONALD, M.M. to be Sergeant 4/12/18  
vice ROBERTS to hospital.

12th Coy.  
508 T/Cpl J. HARDIE to be Corporal 23/11/18 vice BURTON  
wounded.

12th Coy.  
1389 T/Cpl J. A. HOULAHAN to be Corporal 13/11/18 vice  
HILL died of illness.

24th Coy.  
478 T/Cpl E. L. WOLLSTON to be Corporal 25/11/18 vice  
IRWIN wounded.

Transport.

To be Drivers (under A.I.F. Order 725) :-  
3204 Pte E. WILSON 14/3/18 vice SMITH to Aust.  
5034 Pte D. J. SLATER 3/12/18 vice HERBERT to Aust.  
2888 Pte R. E. JURE 8/11/18 vice HILL promoted.  
4817 Pte W. SANDERS 26/10/18 vice GIBBINS to hosp.  
6750 Pte J. A. BOURNE 3/12/18 vice GODFREY to Aust.  
7220 Pte P. J. COOPER 3/12/18 to complete establishment

*H. W. Cronch* Captain,  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 98,  
by  
MAJOR E.S. RADFORD, M.S.O.,  
A/S.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

30th December, 1918.

PART I.

DRESS.

1. All men when proceeding out of the Battalion Area will wear web belts.

PART II.

HONOURS  
and  
REWARDS.

1. Under authority granted by His Majesty the King the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has awarded the following decoration. The Army, Corps, and Divisional Commanders, and the C.O. desire their congratulations to be conveyed to the recipient :-

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

714 Dvr W.J. HARMOND.

APPOINTMENTS  
and  
PROMOTIONS.  
(A.F. BS15 of  
14/12/18).

2. 15th Coy.

To be Corporals :-

3915 T/Cpl R. FLOYD 25/11/18 vice HALL to hospital.

4497 T/Cpl G.G. GREPPERS 11/12/18 vice SAINGSBURY

wounded.

24th Coy.

8155 V/Sgt S.O. PATTERSON to be Sergeant 19/11/18 vice MORRIS transferred.

Transport.- 4th Coy.

To be Drivers (under A.I.F. Order 785) :-

7854 Pte D. ROSS 10/12/18 vice ELLIOTT to hospital.

2881 Pte L.F. SMITH, M.M., 1/10/18 to complete.

*AW Sturbridge*  
S/Lieut.,  
Asst. Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO.98.

by

Major. E.G. RADFORD, D.S.O.  
A/C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

15th December 1918.

PART I.

EMOBILIZATION. 1. The Department of Defence advises that if they so desire men who enlisted in one Military District but whose homes or relatives are resident in any other way, when returned to Australia, be disembarked and discharged in the Military District in which their homes are situated or in which their relatives live.

This will be done on the understanding that the Defence Department is not liable for the expense of the transfer of the men later on to the District in which they enlisted.  
(Extract from Circ. memo. DAG. AIF. NO. 19/1218.)

PART II.

F.G.C.M.  
SENTENCE.

1. At a Field General Court Martial held in the Field 12/12/18 No. 1654 Pte T.G. KEPLER was awarded 90 days F.P. No. 1 on a charge of "When in lawful custody attempting to escape".

Sentence confirmed 12/12/18 by G.O.C. 4th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Asst. Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion. S/Lieut.,

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 97.  
by  
Major E.G. RADFORD, D.S.O.  
A/C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

17th December 1918.

PART I.

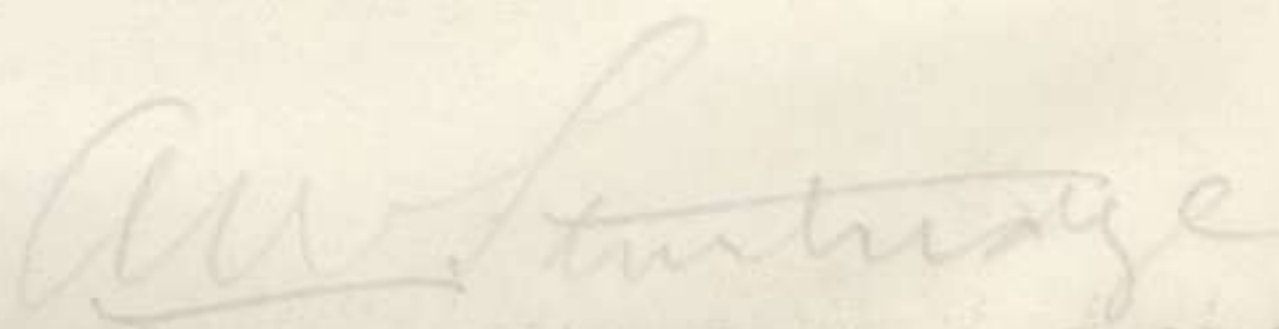
PALLIASES. 1. A return will be rendered to this Office by 18.00, 18th instant, advising number of palliases required by troops during winter months.

PART II.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS 1. Extract from A.I.F. List 419 of 10/12/18:-  
"4th M.G. Battalion.

To be Lieutenants:- dated 1st December 1918.

R/Lieut. A.W. STURTRIDGE.  
" A.R. CRESSWELL.  
" K. MORLINS.  
" R. TURNER.  
" K.T.O. WALKER.  
" H.B. TYLER, M.M.  
" W. RIPPS.  
" B. SINCLAIR, D.C.M., M.M.  
" G.M. MORROW.

  
Lieut.  
Asst/Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

NOTICE.

SICK PARADE. Sick Parade will be held daily at 08.30 at R.A.P. near Railway Bridge.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 98.

by

Major F. S. RADFORD, D.S.O.  
A/C.O., 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

18th December 1918.

PART I.

FIRE ORDERS.

1. Fire Orders 79. - The following orders will be read out on parade and copies posted in all Billets:-
  - (a) Fires, stoves braziers, naked lights and smoking are forbidden in any room or barn which contains hay, straw or other inflammable material.
  - (b) Where stoves and braziers are allowed in billets or huts, they must be placed on sheet iron or on an earth or brick floor, and definite precautions must be taken to prevent ashes or bits of burning coal from falling out of the stove or brazier.
  - (c) No open lighted brazier or naked light is to be left unattended in any hut or billet.
  - (d) Cookhouses, fieldcookers, forges and incinerators will not be placed against the walls of any building or in the vicinity of ricks or stacks of inflammable materials, or in places where it is possible for sparks to start fires in thatched roofs. Their precise position will be fixed by an Officer.
  - (e) Tent lanterns, when available, will always be used in billets, huts or tents; where these are not available and candles are used, the candles must be fixed in an empty tin to protect them on three sides and at top and bottom, and placed as far as possible from any canvas or tarred material in the billet.
  - (f) Petrol must not be used in any heating or cooking stove. Petrol, paraffin, oil and candles, must not be stored near any stove, brazier, fireplace or lamp.
  - (g) Buckets or tins containing water, sand or dry dirt, will be kept ready to hand in every billet or hut or tent for use in case of fire.
  - (h) The greatest care must be used in throwing away matches or cigarette ends, knocking out pipes or handling lighted candles. It is the duty of every man to realise the danger to life and property caused by carelessness in such matters.
  - (i) Bombs, explosives or ammunition are not to be stored in billets occupied by troops.

2. Pay will be available at S.H.C. at 11 a.m. 22nd inst. Paying Officers are authorised to pay the following rates of pay, providing the necessary credit exists in soldier's paybook.

Privates up to 80 francs.  
Cpls. & Sgts. up to 140 "  
S.S.M's & S/Sgts. up to 180 francs.  
Warrant Officers (Class 1.) up to 180 francs.  
These rates apply only to the pay on 22nd. instant.

3. Commencing from 22nd inst., Paying Officers will insert in the "Place" column in paybooks the number D 31 instead of "In the Field".

4. On no account must pay be advanced to an Officer or soldier who is not in possession of a paybook, without first obtaining authority from the Divisional Paymaster.

5. The Soccer Football Ground is situated behind the Church near Railway Bridge.

6. A French Conversation Class will be held in Billet No. 27 (adjoining canteen) and an Arithmetic Class in Billet No. 28 (near 4th Coy. S.H.C.). Both Classes will begin at 11.00

## BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 97. PART I. (Continued).

STAMINETS.

7. ALL Staminets are placed out of bounds to troops during Parade Hours viz:- 09.00 to 12.00 and 14.00 to 16.00.

GRADES.

8. Companies will be at the disposal of Company Commanders tomorrow and time will be devoted to cleaning of Gun Gear Equipment etc.

*W. J. Purridge*  
Asst/Adj. Gen. Lt. H. B. Battalion.

## NOTICE.

Soccer Football Match between 4th and 15th Coys. will be played at 8 p.m. on Saturday 21st. instant.

## BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 99.

by  
 Lieut-Colonel H. W. MURRAY, V.C., B.S.O., D.C.M.  
 Commanding  
 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

19th December 1918.

## PART I.

RAMES.

1. The C.O. will visit Companies commencing at 09.30 tomorrow 20th inst. in the following order:-  
 24th Company.  
 4th Company.  
 12th Company.  
 18th Company.

for the purpose of addressing them on Demobilisation.

LOCATION.

2. A History Lecture will be given by Chaplain FISHAN, Div. Lecturer to the 24th Company in billet No. 88 adjoining Canteen at 10.00 tomorrow 20th instant.

A Book-Keeping Class, at 11.00 and a German Class, at 11.15, will be held in billets No. 88 and No. 89 respectively.

Apart from the above Companies will be at the disposal of Company Commanders tomorrow and time will be devoted to completion of cleaning Gun Gear, Equipment etc. and Limbers.

MOBILISATION  
FORMS.

3. Company Commanders will do all in their power to assist in the early completion of Demobilisation Forms.

An Officer and one N.C.O. per Company and Transport will be detailed especially for this work under Company Commanders (forms personal supervision). Great care must be taken in filling up these As Forms are completed they will be forwarded to En. N.C.

RUM  
S.A.A.

4. Reference para. 2399 of D.R.Os.  
 Companies will render return called for to this Office by 12.00 23rd instant.

THE  
PLY.

5. The Town water supply of DIRANT has been tested and found fit for drinking. Water must be drawn by Water Carts and chlorinated - 1 scoop of chloride of lime per Water Cart. Supplies should not be obtained from Wells other than those marked up as tested.

UNAUTHORIZED  
REVOLVERS.

6. Attention is drawn to D.R.O. 2388.  
 Reports have been received indicating that some personnel are still in possession of unauthorised revolvers. Immediate steps will be taken to ensure that the D.R.O. referred to is strictly enforced.

CURRENCY.

7. Troops will be warned that no German or Occupied Territory Currency will be accepted by any Australian Pay Office or Canteen.

## PART II.

APPOINTMENTS

1. 4th Company.  
 To be Corporals:-  
 554 T/Cpl. A. H. CURTIS, 19/12/18 vice TUTTLE wounded.  
 7115 T/Cpl. R. G. FORDHAM, 20/12/18 vice HENVILLIE sick.  
 12th Company.  
 To be Corporals:-  
 4882 T/Cpl. C. McGRATH, 19/12/18 vice FOWLER wounded.  
 2406 T/Cpl. R. PAYNE, 20/12/18 vice McLEAN wounded.  
 24th Company.  
 To be Corporals:-  
 602 T/Cpl. C. H. BRINDLE, 19/12/18 vice ROSS wounded.  
 6228 T/Cpl. M. L. ENGLAND, 19/12/18 vice TREVENAN wounded.  
 215 T/Cpl. E. LOUDEN, 19/11/18 vice PATTERSON promoted.

MOTIONS,  
P. 5215 of  
(12/18.)

DISCIPLINE.

2. On a charge of Absence Without Leave from 6 a.m. 27/11/18 until apprehended 4/12/18, Cpl. R. JUNON was Severely Reprimanded by A/C.O., 19/12/18.

*A. W. Sturtevant*  
 A/Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 100.

by

LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.

Commanding

4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

20th December 1918.

PART I.

PARADES.

1. Parades for tomorrow 21st instant will be under Company Commanders arrangements.

TRAINING.

2. Companies will render a Syllabus of training by 18.00 21st instant for week ending 29th inst. Syllabus will include F.T., short route marches, Gun Drill, Rifle Exercises.

M.G. Range Practices and Musketry will be carried out. Locality of Range will be notified later.

Battalion Parade will be held twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, if fine.

DIVINE SERVICE.

3. Divine Service will be held by Rev. Chaplain FINIGAN on Sunday 22nd inst. as follows:-

15th Coy.)  
24th Coy.) at 10.00 in Mens Mess 24th Coy.  
En.H.C.)

4th Coy.)  
15th Coy.) at 11.00 in Mens Mess 4th Coy.

Dress:- Drill order.

EDUCATION.

4. Classes in French and Arithmetic will be held at Billets 85 and 88 respectively at 11.00 tomorrow 21st instant.

UNIFORMS.

5. The C.O. has noticed a few cases of men not wearing Battalion Colors.

This is to be rectified at once.

PART II.

DISCIPLINE.

1. On a charge of Drunkenness on 4th April 1918 Pte. A.H. JORDAN was severely reprimanded by C.O. 29/12/18.

*A.W. Sturtridge* Lieut.  
A/Adj., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.



BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER No. 191,  
 by  
 LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
 Commanding  
 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

22nd December, 1918.

PART I.

EDUCATION.

1. A number of qualified instructors (Officers and Other Ranks) is required for the large A.I.F. Agricultural School in HOLLAND. Applicants should be experts in some particular branch of farming, e.g., pig-raising, dairying etc. Instructors in Farm Blacksmithing, Harness Repairing, Farm Book-keeping and Surveying are also required for the same school. In the case of Other Ranks extra regimental rank may be granted to instructors. Intending applicants should interview the Battalion Education Officer on or before 28th inst. A Book-keeping class will be held on Monday 23rd inst. in Billet No. 68, adjoining Canteen, at 11.30. A French Conversation class will be held on Monday 23rd inst. in Billet No. 68, adjoining Canteen, at 17.0 for Transport Unit only.

*H. W. Murray*  
 Lieut.  
 A/Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

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*W.D.*

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 102.

by *E. J. J. O. A.*

MAJOR-COLONEL H. V. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.,

4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

23rd December 1918.

PART I.

PARADES.

1. Battalion Parade for tomorrow 24th instant is cancelled and Company Parades will be substituted.

EDUCATION.

2. A French Class will be held at 11.00 in Billet No. 85.  
A German Class will be held at 17.00 in Billet No. 104.  
A History Lecture will be given to 13th M.G. Company in Billet No. 85., adjoining Santeen, at 19.00 by Chaplain R. O. D. FINIGAN, Divisional Lecturer.

PART II.

PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

1. To be 2/Sgts.

4th Company.

893 Cpl. V. V. DRYER, M.M. vice MOSS to Australia Furlough. Dated 3/12/18.  
1324 Cpl. A. H. BURCOMBE vice CHENEY to Hospital. Dated 26/11/18.

13th Company.

895 Cpl. J. HARDIE vice BUSH to Australia Furlough Dated 3/12/18.  
820 Cpl. V. A. TOMS vice WHITLEY to Hospital Dated 6/12/18.  
8026 Cpl. A. ABDULLAH vice FRITCHARD to Hospital vice PUGH (W.I.A. 30/9/18). Dated 9/12/18.

To be 2/Opls.

4th Company.

1715 L/Cpl. W. BUCKLE vice DRYER promoted. Dated 3/12/18.  
826 L/Cpl. L. W. WYTHOOD vice BURCOMBE promoted. Dated 26/11/18.  
821 L/Cpl. J. W. PORHOUSE vice PARR to Hospital. Dated 12/12/18.

13th Company.

3892 L/Cpl. E. S. KEEN vice HARDIE promoted. Dated 3/12/18.  
3185 Pte. W. F. O'BRIEN vice TOMS promoted. Dated 6/12/18.  
4227 Pte. E. ROLF vice ABDULLAH promoted. Dated 9/12/18.

To be L/Opls.

4th Company.

1785 Pte. D. F. McDONALD vice PORHOUSE promoted. Dated 12/12/18

13th Company.

4223 Pte. E. S. DICKINSON to complete Establishment. Dated 12/12/18.

To be T/C.O.M.S.

4th Company.

1569 Sgt. F. LENCH, D.C.M., M.M. vice TYLER to Australia Furlough vice PENNELL to Australia Furlough. Dated 3/12/18.

REVERSIONS.

2. 13th Company.

4223 T/Cpl. E. S. DICKINSON reverts to Private to adjust establishment. Dated 12/12/18.  
4235 A/Cpl. B. PILL reverts to L/Cpl. to adjust establishment. Dated 7/12/18.

*W. J. J. O. A.*  
A/Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion. P.T.O.

NOTICE.

A Voluntary Church Parade will be held at the 24th  
Company Mens Mess at 09.50 Christmas Day.  
Holy Communion at 10.00

Those desirous of attending this Service will be  
paraded under Company arrangements.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 105.

by  
LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
C o m m a n d i n g  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

24th December 1918.

PART I.

PARADES.

1. Battalion Parade for Thursday 28th instant is cancelled and will be substituted by Company Parades and Bathing as per allotment of baths below.

BATHS.

2. The Divisional Baths, situated in DINANT on the Right Bank of MEUSE beyond the main bridge, are available on the 28th instant and are allotted as follows:-

08.30 to 10.15	-	24th Company.
10.15 " 12.00	-	4th Company.
12.00 " 14.45	-	12th Company.
14.45 " 17.00	-	13th Company.

Capacity of Baths - 80 per hour.

Clean clothes are available.

Each Company will detail an Officer to superintend bathing, and he will be responsible that every man in the Company receives a bath and clean change of clothing.

The above times must be punctually adhered to.

Further allotment will be notified when baths are again available.

PART II.

PROMOTIONS  
AND  
APPOINTMENTS.

1. To be T/Cpl.  
265 L/Cpl. Dvr. W.V. HARRIS vice T/Cpl. L.K. KING to  
Australia Furlough. Dated 3/12/18.

To be Drivers.

- 457 Pte. G. RICHARDS vice DUNNING (W.I.A.)  
Dated 8/8/18.
- 383 " H.C. NELSON vice HART (sick)  
Dated 7/9/18.
- 754 " J.O. MAHONEY vice CLINTON (accidentally  
injured). Dated 15/11/18.
- 4245 " W. D. LONE to complete establishment.  
Dated 15/11/18.

*A.W. Sturtridge*  
Lieut.  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 104,  
by  
LIEUT-COLONEL H. W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
COMMANDING  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

25th December, 1918.

PART I.

DUTY.

- 1. Duty Company - 24th Coy.
- Next for duty - 4th Coy.

TOWN PIQUET.

2. A Piquet of 1 Officer, 2 N.C.Os., and 10 men will be supplied daily commencing 25th instant by Duty Company. Tour of Duty will be from 22.00 to 23.00. The duty of the Piquet will be to patrol the streets of ANSERMAN and maintain order, and see that all troops are clear of estaminets by 23.00. The Piquet may be divided into 2 parties, each under an N.C.O., the whole under the supervision of the Officer. The Officer in charge of the Piquet will render a report verbally or over the 'phone, to Sm. H.C. at the completion of his Tour of Duty.

EDUCATION.

3. A Book-Keeping Class will be held on Thursday, 25th instant at 11.00 in Billet No. 85. An Arithmetic Class will be held in a new billet, viz., Billet No. 96, near Sm. H.C., on Thursday 25th instant at 11.00. A French Class (for Transport only) will be held at 17.00 at Billet No. 85.

*AW Murray*  
Lieut.,  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 108.

by  
LIEUT-COLONEL H. W. MURRAY, V.O., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
Commanding  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

OF STAFF  
AUSTRALIAN  
(Infantry)

25th December 1918.

PART I.

NOTES.

1. Duty Company - 4th Company.  
Next for duty - 15th Company.

COMFORTS  
UND.

2. It is anticipated that the Kmas Boxes for this Battalion provided by the Australian Comforts Fund will arrive shortly. When they arrive care must be taken that the wooden cases be opened carefully and all empty cases must be returned to the Battalion Quartermaster.

EDUCATION.

3. Mr SPEARING will lecture on "The Cave Men of France and Italy" at 14.30 the 27th inst. in Billet No. 85 adjoining Canteen.

Companies and T.O. will each detail 1 Officer and 14 other ranks to attend this Lecture.

A History Lecture will be given to the 4th Company in their Billet at 10.00 tomorrow 27th inst. by Chaplain R.O.D. FISHER, Divisional Lecturer.

There will be a shorthand class tomorrow 27th at 11.00 in Billet No. 85, adjoining Canteen.

KITCHEN VANS  
ON LEAVE  
TRAINS.

4. As from 20th December, a kitchen van will be attached to each LEAVE TRAIN leaving BOULOGNE for Second and Fourth Armies. In the case of the Fourth Army, the kitchen vans will be run on the whole route from HUX to BOULOGNE. It is intended to run kitchen vans on all leave trains proceeding to and from the Army areas, as soon as sufficient vans are available.

All meals will be served from the kitchen vans at the various halts throughout the journey. Men will be distributed as evenly as possible throughout the trucks or carriages. In each truck or carriage, the train conducting Officer will detail two orderlies on entrainment to draw meals from the kitchen van for the occupants of their trucks or carriages.

The senior N.C.O. or man in the truck or carriage will be responsible that the receptacles in which the food is served are returned to the kitchen after every meal, before the journey is resumed. Unless this is done, the receptacles cannot be made available for subsequent meal, and all ranks in the train will suffer. Each receptacle will bear a distinctive number, so that responsibility for non-return to the kitchen van can be traced to any particular truck or carriage.

Officers proceeding on the trains can obtain the same meals as other ranks. They must, however, provide themselves with mess-tins or other suitable receptacles.

Men proceeding on, or returning from, leave should in all cases be provided with a meal before entrainment, but the unexpired portion of the day's rations will not be carried.

The reserve train ration will continue to be put on the train in bulk, as heretofore. It will only be used in case of emergency.

DRAFTS TO  
AUSTRALIA.

5. 150 Officers who embarked from Australia in 1914 or 1915 will be returned to Australia in January and will be despatched to England at short notice.

Returns will be rendered to this Office by 15.00 the 23th inst. showing the names and date of embarkation of Officers who embarked in 1914 and the first 6 months of 1915 and have not since returned to Australia under the following headings:-

- (1) Those who have had part or whole of 75 days leave
- (2) Those who have not had any of their 75 days leave.

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DRAFTS TO  
AUSTRALIA.  
(cont.)

- (3) Those desiring early return to Australia.
- (4) Those not desiring early return to Australia.

*A. W. [Signature]*  
Lieut.  
Adjt. 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 297.

by  
LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
Commanding  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

28th December 1918.

PART I.

- IES. 1. Duty Company for 28th - 24th company.  
Next for duty - 4th Company.
- INE VICE. 2. Divine Service will be held by Rev. Chaplain FINNAN on  
Sunday 29th inst. as follows:-  
15th Coy.)  
24th Coy.) at 10.00 in Mess Mess 24th Company.  
Bn. H.Q. )  
  
4th Coy.)  
12th Coy.) at 11.00 in Mess Mess 4th Company.  
Press. Drill order.
- .P. 3. R.A.P. is now situated near Bn. H.Q. in the Garage,  
Hotel de la Lense.
- VE. 4. Extracts - G.R.O. 5890 - The Restrictions placed on  
Nottingham are now removed (G.R.O. 5778).
- TRAINING LABUS. 5. A Training Syllabus for week ending 5th inst. will be  
rendered by Companies to this Office by 18.00 the 29th inst.  
Syllabus will include P.T., short route marches, Gun Drill,  
Rifle Exercises, Machine Gun Practices and Musketry will be  
carried out.  
Battalion Parades will be held twice weekly, on Tuesdays  
and Thursdays, weather permitting.
- Y.M.C.A. 6. A Y.M.C.A. has been opened opposite Bn. H.Q., Officers  
Mess.  
Hours. 14.00 to 21.00 daily.

PART II.

- PROMOTION. 1. Bn. Headquarters.  
To be Sergeant.  
2093 Y/Sgt. W.B. TEMPLETON, M.M. vice ARDEN to  
O.C.B. 25/9/18. Dated 25/12/18.  
(A.F.S. 213. 21/12/18.)

*W.D. Murray*  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion. Lieut.



BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 108.

by

LIEUT-COLONEL H. W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
C o m m a n d i n g  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

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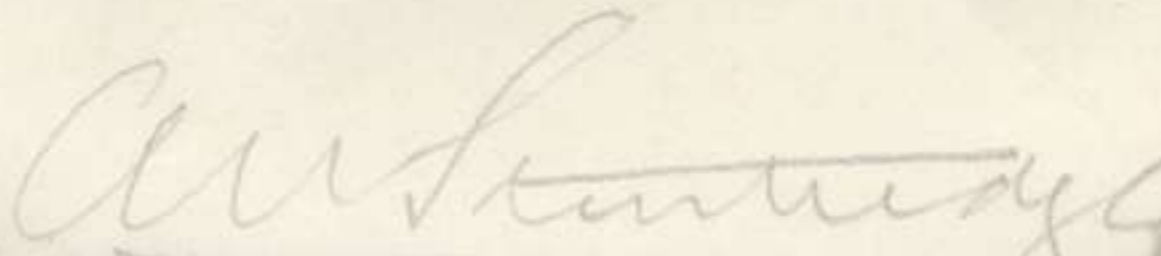
29th December 1918.

PART I.

- DUTIES. 1. Duty Company for 30th - 4th Company.  
Next for duty - 12th Company.
- EDUCATION. 2. The following classes will be held tomorrow 30th inst.  
BOOK-KEEPING at 11.00 in School No. 104.  
ARITHMETIC " 11.00 " " "  
FRENCH (for Transport only) at 12.00 in School No. 104.  
It is earnestly desired that men enrolled may be enabled  
to attend their classes regularly.
- PROPHYLACTIC. 3. A Prophylactic Depot is established at R.A.P. and all  
ranks are urged to make full use of it.

PART II.

- REVERSION. 1. 4th Company.  
581 T/Cpl. PORTHOUSE, J.W. reverts to L/Cpl. on return  
of Cpl. PERRY from hospital. Dated 24.12.18.

  
Lieut.  
Adj't., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

NOTICE.

- The following Rugby Fixtures have been made :-
- 4th Aust. M. G. Bn. v Div. Signals Tuesday next 31st inst.  
at 12.30 on ground near 4th Company Billet.
- 4th Aust. M. G. Bn. v 4th Pioneers Saturday next 4th prox.  
at 12.30 on ground at SOMMIERS.
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BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO. 109.

by  
LIEUT-COLONEL H.W. MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
Commanding  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

30th December 1918.

PART I.

ATTENDANCE.

1. Duty Company for 31st inst. - 18th Company.  
Next for Duty - 18th Company.

EDUCATION.

2. A History Lecture will be given at 10.00 on Tuesday 31st inst. to the 18th Company by Chaplain R.O.D. FINNISAN, Divisional Lecturer.

A French Class will be held on Tuesday 31st inst. in the School (Billet No. 104) at 11.00.

The first meeting of the Dairy Farmers Class will take place at 17.00 on Tuesday 31st inst. in the School (Billet No. 104).

All Farmers or intending farmers are invited. There will be two short lectures followed by discussion.

PARADE.

3. Battalion Parade for tomorrow 31st inst. is cancelled and Company Parades will be substituted.

*A.W. Hunter* Lieut.  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

hgd  
BATTALION ROUTINE ORDER NO.110.

by  
LIEUT-COLONEL H.W.MURRAY, V.C., D.S.O., D.C.M.,  
C o m m a n d i n g  
4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion.

31st. December 1918.

PART I.

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- TIES. 1. Duty Company for 1st January 1919 - 15th Company.  
Next for Duty - 24th Company.
- RADES.E 2. All parades for 1st. January 1919 will be cancelled.
- AIN GUARD. 3. 12th Company will relieve 4th Company Guard of 1 M.G.O.  
and 4 men, on Train at Anseromme Station, at 16.00 the 1st  
January, and will supply this Guard for one week.

PART II.

- SCCIPLINE. 1. 548 Pte H.W.BISHOP on a charge of being overstaying  
leave (NAMUR) from 06.00 28/12/18 until 16.00 30/12/18  
was awarded 14 days F.P.No.2. by C.O.

4575 Pte. R.F.PEAGAM on a charge of overstaying leave  
(NAMUR) from 06.00 28/12/18 until 16.00 30/12/18 was  
awarded 14 days F.P.No.2. by C.O.

*H.W. Murray*  
Lieut.  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

rendered to the Officer  
on the 1st of each month.

Army Form B. 158.  
(AUSTRALIAN).

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

(To be rendered by all  
Arms of the Service).

Unit ... 4th Australian M. G. Btn.  
Situation ... In the Field.  
Month ending ...

28th December 1918.  
LIST OF OFFICERS.

No. of S.	OFFICERS ON STRENGTH DOING DUTY WITH UNIT.	Date of being Taken on strength as an Officer, i.e. on strength of a Coy. in 4th Aust. Div.
NAMES.		
	Lt.-Cols. -	
S	Majors -	
	H.W.MURRAY, VC, DSO, DCM, etc	15.3.18.
M	Captains -	
S	E.G.RADFORD, DSO,	20.5.17.
S	C.F.DUGHATEL, MC	5.4.18.
S	S.H.GARROLL, MC	28.6.18.
S	F.R.WATTS,	29.1.17.
	Lieutenants -	
S	A.E.FOX,	1.9.18.
S	G.H.BARTLES,	11.12.17.
S	E.P.C.UPTON,	<del>2.12.18.</del> 29.1.17.
S	T.R.JACK, MC	19.8.18.
S	J.H.KENNARE	3.5.17.
S	P.W.HOPKINS	3.5.17.
S	P.H.WRIGHT, MC	20.4.17.
S	T.DOUGLAS,	22.4.17.
S	T.H.TRIMBLE	15.4.17.
S	J.A.PONTIN, MC	31.7.17.
S	E.M.CULLINORE, MC	26.6.17.
S	R.J.TUCKETT, MC	15.5.17.
S	G.R.T.RITCHARD,	26.12.17.
S	W.L.O.MALLARD, MC	1.4.18.
S	W.J.NEAL, DCM	30.4.18.
S	W.B.BANKS,	20.5.18.
S	W.H.WATERS, DCM	1.6.18.
S	G.R.GOLQUHOUN, MC	<del>2.12.18.</del> 18.7.18.
S	H.F.H.TROTMAN,	18.7.18.
S	A.T.CHAPMAN, MC, MM	28.9.17.
S	W.RIPPS,	26.8.18.
S	R.TURNER,	7.9.18.
S	R.GRESWELL,	7.9.18.
S	K.MORLING,	7.8.18.
S	K.T.O.WALKER,	26.9.18.
S	H.B.TYLER, MM	26.8.18.
M	A.W.STURTRIDGE,	28.10.18.
S	G.M.MORROW,	28.8.18.
S	R.SINCLAIR, DCM, MM,	26.8.18.
S	J.L.GLARK, MM	20.5.18.
	<u>A/Adjutant.</u>	28.10.18.
	<u>Quartermaster.</u>	3.5.17.

First Class Warrant Officers doing duty with the Unit

3134 R.S.M. M.T.McDONALD, MM

10.6.18.

Officers attached

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Corps or Reinforcement</u>	<u>Date of joining</u>
M Capt	C.G.ALLEN,	Bn Med.Officer 4th Field Amb	3.12.18.
M Chap The	Rev R.O'D.FINIGAN,	3rd Class Methodist attached from 4th Aust Div	14.4.18.
S Lieut	W.GREGSON	Bn Signal Officer No 5 Section Div. Sig. Coy	23.5.18.
S Lieut	R.HOLTHAM	Bn Education Officer from A.I.F.Education Services	21.11.18.

Absent from Unit

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Detachment</u>	<u>Date</u>
Major	R.MORRELL, DSO	Sec 1st Aust.Div	6.2.17.
Major	F.B.HINTON, MC	Sec M.G.T.Depot England	14.8.18.
Capt	H.L.WALL,	Pern. Super. List No 392	30.5.18.
Lieut	A.W.B.FAWCETT	Hospital Acc. Inj.	27.10.18.
Lieut	P.H.S.WESTON,	Supern. List No 409	3.8.18.
Lieut	F.J.GREASY, MM	" " 409	8.10.18.
Lieut	W.H.WOOD,	" " 409	4.10.18.
Lieut	M.D.COBB	" " 409	8.10.18.
Lieut	A.S.HEADLAM,	Sec to A.M.G.T.Depot	17.9.18.
Lieut	H.THORNE,	" Invalided List 407	22.9.18.
Lieut	G.H.PERKS	Hospital Sick	19.11.18.
Lieut	AMW.PETTITT,	Sec A.M.G.T.Depot List 327	25.4.18.
Lieut	F.C.GARNER, MM	" " " " " " 341	23.2.18.
Lieut	R.T.GILLIES,	" " " " " " 395	1.10.18.
Lieut	T.R.LYDSTER, MM	Wounded in action	8.8.18.
Lieut	B.O'Reilly,	" " "	19.9.18.
Lieut	E.P.PRENDERFAST	" " "	18.9.18.
Lieut	L.V.SINGLAIR,	" " "	19.9.18.
Lieut	F.G.JOHNSON,	Sec Wounded List No 388	8.9.18.
Lieut	H.E.BRADBURY, MM	" " " " 388	24.8.18.
2/Lieut	L.C.CAMBELL,	" " " " 388	24.8.18.
Capr.	H.W.CROUCH, MC	U.K. leave.	10.12.18.

CHANGES OF RANKS OF OFFICERS.

To Lieutenants:- A.I.F.Order No 419 dated 10.12.18.

2/Lieut	A.W.STURTRIDGE	1.12.18.
2/Lieut	A.R.GRESWELL,	"
2/Lieut	K.MORLING,	"
2/Lieut	R.TURNER,	"
2/Lieut	K.T.O.WALKER,	"
2/Lieut	H.B.TYLER, MM	"
2/Lieut	W.RIPPS,	"
2/Lieut	R.SINGLAIR, DCM, MM	"
2/Lieut	G.M.MORROW,	"

OFFICERS AND WARRANT OFFICERS TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

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OFFICERS WHO HAVE QUITTED DURING THE MONTH.

Capt	D.I. SMITH,	from attached as Bn Med. Officer to 4th Field Ambulance	3.12.18.
T/Capt	H.A. SHERIDAN	to Australia Duty	28.12.18.
Lieut	P. GRIEVESON,	to 75 Days Leave in lieu Aust. Furl	12.12.18.
Major	G.F. DUGHATEL	to 75 " " " " " "	30.12.18.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE BEEN STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

Major	E.A. WILTON, DSO	to Australia	
Capt	D.S.A. MARTIN, MC	" " from Seconded List	9.12.18.
Lieut	W.A. SHELLEY, MM	" " " " "	9.12.18.
Lieut	H.W.T. ALLEN, MM	" " " " "	9.12.18.
Lieut	A.A. FOWLESS,	" " Duty	15.12.18.
Capt	W.M.E. GORY, MC	" Furlough in England	19.11.18.
Capt	C.H. HATCHER, MC	" " " "	9.11.18.
Lieut	P. GRIEVESON,	" " " "	12.12.18.
Capt	A.L. LANGBORNE, MC	" " " " from Hosp.	8.11.18.

28th December 1918.

*Murray*

Lieut- Colonel.

G.O., 4th Aust. M.G. Battalion.

4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.STRENGTH OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS.DECEMBER, 1918.  
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<u>Date.</u>	<u>Fighting Strength.</u>		<u>Increase.</u>		<u>Decrease.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
29-11-18	40	849	-	-	-	-
6-12-18	40	874	-	54	-	29
13-12-18	40	887	1	34	1	21
20-12-18	37	884	-	-	3	3
27-12-18	36	880	-	9	1	13
31-12-18	34	867	-	-	2	13

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Causes of Increase and Decrease.
  
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	<u>Increase.</u>			<u>Decrease.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>		<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
From Hospital	-	9	Evac. Div. Area.	1	43
" Super. List	1	-	Duty to Australia	2	-
" Base	-	88	Australian Furlough	1	26
			Furlough > 75 days	2	-
			Secd. for Duty	1	-
			Detention (Mil. Pris.)	-	1
			Transfers	-	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>79</b>

REPORT BY TRANSPORT OFFICERDECEMBER 1918.Sheet: NAMUR, 1/100,000.FELLERIES - 1-12-1918 to 7-12-1918.

The Battalion was still at FELLERIES and the usual routine work carried on. The weather was changeable but on the whole good for this time of the year. The horses were all stabled and the men comfortably billeted. Fodder was plentiful, owing to one Belgian farmer supplementing the ration by liberally giving us, free of charge, hay from a Boche stack on his property which, owing to his horses and other stock being commandeered by the enemy, was of no use to him.

During this period the question of unity of control of the Transport was being considered, with the result that the whole of the transport ~~of the~~ was brought together and battalionised. For one outside a M.G. Battalion it is hard to realize the magnitude of the transport question as applied to a Machine Gun Battalion, and to get the transport of the Battalion, which equals that of an Infantry Brigade, working smoothly and harmoniously is a task of no mean order. This task is made all the more difficult now that there is no line work, and the Company personnel are, comparatively speaking, having an easy time. The transport driver, on the other hand, with his two horses, harness, equipment, etc, to look after, is fully occupied all day. However, the Battalion Transport Officer, Capt. S.H. CARROLL, M.C., not only managed the task, but succeeded in such a way that at present it would be hard to find another body of men engaged on similar work more contented or working more harmoniously.

- 8-12-1918: 18.00 o'clock.

First Transport Concert held at FELLERIES. This was organised by Capt. CARROLL and a working committee, and the local Town Crier was employed to invite the villagers ~~the~~ to attend. The hall was packed to such an extent that it was impossible to hold a dance as was first intended, so a concert was held instead. Several good ~~the~~ items were rendered and appreciated by all.

- 9-12-1918: 18.00 o'clock.

First Transport Dance. Profiting by the lesson learnt at ~~the~~ last night's concert, the committee decided that only a limited number be admitted. Even then the floor was too crowded. However a successful evening's dancing was spent.

- 10-12-1918.

Usual work done.

- 11-12-1918.

During the day the usual work, and another concert at night. Largely attended and an excellent programme.

- 12-12-1918: 18.00 o'clock.

Last dance at FELLERIES. This dance was easily the best held yet.

- 13-12-1918: 09.00.

Battalion moved by road from FELLERIES to SIVRY. The weather was wet and the roads heavy.

SIVRY - 14-12-1918.

Moved from SIVRY to BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT. Weather fine. Roads very hilly.

BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT - 15-12-1918: 10.00.

Battalion moved from BOUSSU-LEZ-WALCOURT to ST. AUBIN. Again a very hilly road. Weather fine.

ST. AUBIN - 16-12-1918: 10.00.

Moved from ST. AUBIN to GERIN. Weather ~~very~~ wet, cold and miserable.

GERIN - 17-12-1918.

Moved from GERIN to ANSEREMME. Weather fine.

ANSEREMME - 17-12-1918.

Throughout the move, which was done in easy stages, the men were well billeted, but, owing to the amount of stock at the Belgian farms, it was impossible to procure stabling accommodation for more than a few hacks. No trouble beyond the casting of a couple of shoes was experienced, and horses and men stood the journey remarkably well. the horses were all in good condition at the end of the journey.

There was no regular stabling accommodation



at ANSEREMME, but with the assistance of a few civilians who pointed out the various disused houses and stables, each Company was able to get all its horses fairly comfortably stabled. The men have very good billets, with electric light in each and, in some cases, beds. For the most part they are billeted in hotels which of course at present have no civil patrons.

ANSEREMME - 19-12-1918 to 24-12-1918.

The greater part of these days was spent in getting the harness and equipment, which had naturally suffered considerably on the road, in good order again. The men worked well, and soon the horses and the harness were looking quite well again. No hall suitable for dances or concerts was available at ANSEREMME, so by way of providing amusement for the men, and affording a break to the usual routine work, a trip to NAMUR was organised, and on December 23/24 a percentage of the drivers, in hired civilian carriages and light wagonettes, proceeded by road to NAMUR. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The discipline and behavior of the whole party were excellent.

- 25-12-1918.

Christmas Day had been long looked forward to, and a buying party was sent early in the month to PARIS to procure the articles suitable to the occasion. The cooks worked all night, and as a result an exceptionally fine dinner was served. The men had subscribed 10 francs each towards the cost, and a donation of 460 francs was given from the Battalion Canteen Funds. The dinner consisted of six courses, and enough remained over to considerably supplement the next day's rations.

- 26-12-1918 to 31-12-1918.

The usual work has been done during this period. The weather has been fine, but very changeable with snow on the higher ground, but none in the River Valley.

#### GENERAL.

Discipline. The discipline of the men has been excellent. There have been no Orderly Room cases in the whole of the Battalion Transport. The men are working well and there is good esprit-de-corps between all officers and other ranks.

Rations. During the early part of the month while at FELLERIES the rations were not at all good, but this was chiefly due to lack of transport consequent on our rapid advance; also to the fact that the railways had all been either torn or blown up, necessitating that railhead should be a very considerable distance back. As the railheads moved forward and things became more settled, the ration supply improved till in the middle of the month it was very good. Latterly rations have not been all that might be desired, but at present the issue is fairly good.

Health of Men. During the past month the health of the troops has been very good, due a great deal perhaps to good billeting accommodation. Very few cases of sickness have been reported.

Health of Horses. These are well and mostly in good condition. Owing to the non-arrival of clipping-machines and rugs they are all carrying very heavy coats, but once this can be remedied those that are a bit poor will no doubt greatly improve.

Billets. This month we have been very fortunate, and right throughout the men have had very good billets, especially at present. The stabling accommodation has been very good, with the exception of the few days when on the march as already mentioned.

*St. Carroll*  
 Captain.  
 Transport Officer, 4th Aust. M.G. Bn.

4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

December, 1918.

During the month of December the routine of this department differed very little from that of the preceding month.

Canteen. During the month the supplies from the Divisional Canteen were good, but a good deal of difficulty was experienced during the move in getting the supplies, and towards the end of the month the cigarette supply was very short.

During the month 3215.50 francs of comforts were issued, including 2260.00 francs divided between the Companies and Headquarters for Christmas Dinner.

Rations. This month the system of rationing differs from the preceding month. Supplies are drawn in bulk and delivered by A.A.S.C. to Battalion store, where they are split and issued to Companies. Great difficulty was experienced in getting supplies owing to railway trouble but they eventually arrived. Nothing other than good can be said of the issue, shortages of any particular item being made up by equivalents.

Comforts received - Nil.

Technical Gear - All repairs were carried out by Armourer Sergeant.

Tailors - Work is of the same nature - repairs and alterations.

Clothing - The personnel of this Battalion are well clothed. An additional blanket per man has been issued.

*P. G. H. H. H.*

Lieut.

af. Q. M., 4th Aust. M. G. Bn.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

Statement of Comforts issued during - November 1918.

1918.			
Nov. 1.	Vegetables.	n	225.00
" "	Kerosene - Padre Finigan.		5.00
" 3.	Pay Office Rillet.		24.00
" 6.	Vegetables.		220.00
" 8.	Footballs and Shorts.		188.60
" "	Sports Prizes - John Bull.		76.70
" 10.	Wood - Claim.		7.50
" 11.	Rent- Pasture for Horses.		83.50
" 12.	Cocoa - 4th Company.		15.60
" 13.	Wood - Claim.		18.00
" 18.	Footballs.		76.40
" "	Rent - Canteen Building.		66.00
" 29.	Vegetables.		149.20
" 30.	Vegetables.		246.40
			<hr/>
			1399.90
" 18.	By Cash - Return of Claim.		18.00
			<hr/>
			1381.90 Francs.
			<hr/> <hr/>
		<u>Total.</u>	<u>1381.90 Francs.</u>

The above is a true and correct statement of Goods issued by 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion Canteen to troops of 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion free of charge during month of November 1918.

The Canteen Funds were reimbursed from Regimental Trust Funds on to amount of 1381.90 Francs.

Major.  
A/C.O., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

Lieut.  
Q.M., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.Statement of Comforts issued during - December 1918.

1918.			
Dec.	1.	Vegetables	75.00 francs.
"	4.	Xmas Goods (Dinner)	2260.00 "
"	5.	Vegetables	395.00 "
"	19.	Straw	30.00 "
"	22.	Expenses Xmas Buying	355.00 "
"	22.	Salt. H.Q.	5.50 "
"	24.	Potatoes (4th Coy.)	95.00 "
			-----
		Total	3215.50 "
		=====	=====

The above is a true and correct statement of Goods issued by 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion Canteen to troops of 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion free of charge during month of ~~NOVEMBER~~ ~~1918~~. December 1918.

The Canteen Funds were reimbursed from Regimental Trust Funds on to amount of 3215.50 francs.

Lieut. Colonel.  
C.O., 4th Australian M. G. Battalion.

Lieut.  
Q.M., 4th Australian M. G. Battalion.

SALVAGE.

1. Commencing on 3/12/18 all Units of the Brigade will carry out Salvaging work in areas allotted, as per attached sketch.
2. In clearing the Areas, Units will work from West to East, and so ensure careful clearance of all Salvage matter, so that it will not be necessary to go over the ground again.  
1 N.C.O. and 5 Sappers of 18th Field Coy. Engineers will report to this Battalion by 9 a.m. on 3/12/18, for the purpose of ~~xxxxxx~~ instruction and assistance.
3. (a) Ammunition. All ammunition in servicable condition and packed in its original packages (either as complete rounds or as components), will be collected, also equipment and clothing, petrol tins etc., R.E.Stores etc., both British and German.
  - (b) Grenades and Light T.M.Ammunition.
    - (1) Boxed will be collected into Dumps, and kept separate from General Salvage Dumps.
    - (11) Unboxed will be collected into Dumps, and kept separate from General Salvage Dump.
  - (c) Unexploded Shells - T.M.Bombs and Grenades.  
These will be carefully collected and Dumped, and to be so marked that no accidents occur.
  - (d) British and German Dead.  
The position of any bodies found will be reported immediately to the Divisional Burial Officer concerned who will arrange burial.
  - (e) Dead Horses. - must be buried.
  - (f) Wire Entanglements. will be pulled up, pickets and wire being stacked in situ. Wire should be coiled up if in sufficiently good order.
  - (g) Timber. The locations of any dug-outs etc., requiring engineering supervision will be notified to Brigade Headquarters.
  - (h) All Telephone Cable is being salvaged by signal service under separate instructions from Corps

All dangerous ammunition, such as unexploded shells, unboxed grenades and Light T.M. Ammunition will be collected into Dumps to be destroyed, and this will be arranged by Bn. H.Q.

Disposal of all Salvage will be arranged by Bn. H.Q.

Captain.  
Adjt., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION CANTEEN.  
Trading Account for - October 1918.

	Francs.		Oct.		Francs.
1. To Stock.	3000.00		31.	By Sales	19339.90
1. " Purchases.	22147.55		"	" Stock on hand.	7210.45
1. " Gross Profit.	1402.80				
	26550.35				26550.35

Profit and Loss Account - October 1918.

	Francs.		Oct.		Francs.
1. To Expenses.	25.00		31.	By Gross Profit.	1402.80
" " Net Profit.	1377.80				
	1402.80				1402.80

Profit and Loss Appropriation Account for October 1918.

	Francs.		Oct.		Francs.
1. To Comforts.	1023.75		1.	By Balance.	18001.65
" " Balance.	18355.70		31.	" Net Profit.	1377.80
	19379.45				19379.45
			"	By Balance.	18355.70

Balance Sheet as at 31st. October 1918.

<u>Liabilities.</u>		<u>Assets.</u>	
Balance.	18355.70	Cash on Hand	3085.20
		Debtors.	
		H.Q.	324.15
		-do-	49.10
		4th Coy.	33.30
		12th "	48.90
		24th "	598.80
		Transport.	5.80
		Div. Canteen	4000.00
		Trust Account	3000.00
		Stock 31/10/18.	7210.45
	18355.70		18355.70

We certify that the above statement is a true and correct account of the 4th Australian Machine Gun Battalion Canteen for Months ending 31st October 1918.

*Major*  
 ..... Major.  
*Lieut.*  
 ..... Lieut.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION CANTEEN.  
Trading Account for - November 1918.

ov.		Francs.	Nov.		Francs.
1.	To Stock	7210.45	30.	By Sales.	29519.00
0.	" Purchases	13886.55	"	" Stock.	3321.00
"	" Gross Profit.	2743.00			
		<u>23840.00</u>			<u>23840.00</u>

Profit and Loss Account for - November 1918.

ov.			Nov.		
30.	To Expenses.	14.70	30.	By Gross Profit.	2743.00
"	" Net Profit.	3128.30	"	" Sundries.	400.00
		<u>3143.00</u>			<u>3143.00</u>

Profit and Loss Appropriation Account for - November 1918.

ov.			Nov.		
30.	To Comforts.	1361.00	1.	By Balance	18355.70
"	" Balance.	20122.10	30.	" Net Profit.	3128.30
		<u>21484.00</u>			<u>21484.00</u>
			Dec.		
			1.	By Balance.	20122.10

Balance Sheet as at 30th November 1918.

<u>Liabilities.</u>		<u>Assets.</u>	
Balance.	20122.10	Cash on Hand	1140
		Debtors.	132.85
		H.Q.	504.35
		H.Q.	232.90
		4th Coy.	169.50
		12th "	232.90
		13th "	834.50
		24th "	632.30
		Transport.	25.80
		Div. Canteen.	4000.00
		Trust Account.	3000.00
		Stock 30/11/18.	3321.00
	<u>20122.10</u>		<u>20122.10</u>

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..... *Major* ..... Major.  
 ..... *Lieut.* ..... Lieut.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION CANTEN.

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Cash Summary for Month Ending

30th November 1918.

1918.	RECEIPTS.	francs.	1918.	EXPENDITURE.	francs.
Nov. 1.	To Balance Cash on Hand.	3085.20	Nov. 30.	By Goods Bought for Resale.	10911.80
" 18.	" Amount of Claim Returned.	18.00	" "	" " " as Comforts and issued to Troops.	1384.30
" 30.	" Cash Sales for Month.	17963.45	" "	" Canteen Expenses.	14.70
			" "	" Cash Reimbursed to Canteen as charge	313.00
			" "	" Balance Cash on Hand.	8442.85
		<u>21066.65</u>			<u>21066.65</u>
Dec. 1.	To Balance on Hand.	8442.85			

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A/Adjt.

Major.  
A/C.O., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

Lieut.  
Q.M., 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION CANTEEN.  
Trading Account for December 1918.

Dec. 1.	To Stock.	Francs. 3321.00	Dec. 31.	By Sales.	Francs. 23649.80
31.	" Purchases.	22886.85	" "	" Stock.	3022.25
"	" Gross Profit.	464.20			
		<u>33672.05</u>			<u>33672.05</u>

Profit and Loss Account for December 1918.

Dec. 31.	To Expenses.	403.00	Dec. 31.	By Gross Profit.	464.20
" "	" Net Profit.	61.20			
		<u>464.20</u>			<u>464.20</u>

Profit and Loss Appropriation Account for December 1918.

Dec. 31.	To Trust Reserve.	70.30	Dec. 1.	By Balances.	20122.10
" "	" Comforts.	3215.50	" 31.	" Net Profit.	61.20
" "	" 24th Coy.	55.00			
" "	" Trust Reserve.	452.00			
" "	" Balance.	16390.50			
		<u>20183.30</u>			<u>20183.30</u>
			Dec. 31.	By Balance.	16390.50

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1918.

<u>Liabilities.</u>		<u>Assets.</u>	
Balance.	16390.50	Cash on Hand	5462.35
		<u>Debtors.</u>	
		H.Q.	151.75
		H.Q.	272.50
		4th Coy.	2.60
		12th "	256.90
		13th "	40.00
		24th "	<u>182.15</u>
		Div. Canteen.	905.90
		Trust Account.	4000.00
		Stock 31/12/18.	3000.00
			3022.25
	<u>16390.50</u>		<u>16390.50</u>

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..... *Major* ..... Major.  
 ..... *C. Robertson* ..... Lieut.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION CANTEEN.

CASH SUMMARY FOR QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1918.

RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURE.

		Dec.		
To Cash on Hand	11386.25	31.	By Goods for Resale	59090.50
" Cash takings	49845.00	"	" Expenses	442.70
" Payment Accounts	7899.05	"	" Trust Reserve	70.30
" Miscellaneous	607.55	"	" " "	452.00
		"	" Div. Canteen	4000.00
		"	" Balance on hand	5462.35
	<u>69517.85</u>			<u>69517.85</u>

Trading Account for Quarter ended 31st December 1918.

1. To Stock	3000.00	Dec. 31.	By Sales	63508.70
31. " Purchases	58920.95	" "	" Stock 31/12/18	3022.25
" " Gross Profit	4610.00			
	<u>66530.95</u>			<u>66530.95</u>

Profit and Loss Account for Quarter Ended 31st December 1918.

		Dec.		
To Expenses (Buying)	25.00	31.	By Gross Profit.	4610.00
" " "	14.75	"	" Sundries.	400.00
" Xmas Goods	403.00			
" Net Profit	4567.30			
	<u>5010.05</u>			<u>5010.00</u>

Profit and Loss Appropriation Account for Quarter ended 31st Dec. 1918

		Oct.		
To Trust Reserve (debt. Amount)	70.30	1.	By Balance	18001.65
" " Trust Reserve (Q.E. Dec 31st. 1918)	452.00	Dec. 31.	" Net Profit.	4567.30
" " 24th Coy. Amount written off their A/C	55.00			
" " Comforts A/C. Goods issued as Comforts Q.E. 31/12/18.	5801.15			
" " Balance	16390.50			
	<u>22568.95</u>			<u>22568.95</u>

1919.  
Jan. 1. By Balance 16390.50

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION CANTEN.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st. DECEMBER 1918.

<u>LIABILITIES.</u>		<u>ASSETS.</u>	
Balance	16390.50	Cash on hand	5462.35
		<u>Debtors.</u>	
		H.Q. 151.75	
		H.Q. 272.50	
		4th Coy. 2.50	
		12th " 256.90	
		13th " 40.00	
		24th " 132.15	905.90
		Div. Canteen	4000.00
		Trust Account	3000.00
		Stock 31/12/18.	3022.25
	<u>16390.50</u>		<u>16390.50</u>

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..... Major.  
*[Signature]*  
 ..... Lieut.  
*[Signature]*

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4th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

DECEMBER, 1918.

ACTIVE OPERATIONS.

Owing to the armistice these are nil.

ROUTINE WORK.

Number of Officers reporting sick - 4. Nil evacuated.  
Number of Other Ranks

reporting sick - 452. 42 evacuated.  
Of these there were suffering from Influenza 20, N.Y.D. Pyrexia 14,  
Scabies 2, Venereal Disease 2.

General health of the Troops - Good.

Sanitation - Good.

Arrangements for bathing and change of underclothing could  
be improved.

Quality of food and cooking facilities - Good.

Billets and Rest Billets - Good.

Sgd. C. G. ALLEN Capt.

1-1-1819.

R. M. O., 4th Aust. M. G. Bn.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN BATTALION.WAR DIARY - DECEMBER 1918.Chaplain's Report :-

- SERVICES. During the month four Battalion Parade Services were held and three Voluntary Services. Fifty per cent of the Battalion attended the former while the latter had an average attendance of 100.
- LECTURES. I have given five lectures to the Battalion. Subjects - The History of Unionism and Napoleon's Campaigns.
- RECREATION. A room for Writing and Recreation has been secured. The Y.M.C.A. has furnished and equipped it. At present cocoa is distributed free of charge from 2 p.m. till 9 p.m.. The Mens Mess Room at 4th Company has also been equipped with stationery and games.

*Sgd. R. Fenigan*Chaplain.  
4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

WAR DIARYDECEMBER 1918.4th Australian M. G. Battalion.EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT.

An Education Officer had joined this Unit towards the end of November. A series of Lectures was first given on Repatriation, Education etc., and with the co-operation of Officers and O.Rs. a beginning was soon made with definite Educational work.

All men in the Battalion are being classified with regard to what they desire to learn and what work they wish to do in the future.

Classes have also been established in such subjects as French, Mathematics, Shorthand, Book-Keeping and German, these being held at 11.00, in the afternoons, and at night. About 25 per cent of the Battalion are enrolled for these classes. In addition to this, general informative Lectures have been given at intervals.

Study Circles have been formed for such subjects as Dairying, and Motor Mechanics.

Although there have necessarily been some initial difficulties, the work generally is being built up on ~~firm~~ a firm basis.

*Richard Hollan* 2/Lieut.  
Education Service.

Att. 4th Aust. M. G. Battalion.

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY CORPS.

FAREWELL ORDER.

by  
Lieut-General Sir. John MONASH, K.C.B., V.D.

26th November 1918.

Upon relinquishing the command of the Australian Army Corps, in order to take up the important and difficult work of the Repatriation and Demobilization of the Australian Imperial Force, which has been entrusted to me by the Commonwealth Government, I desire to offer to all ranks of the Corps a heartfelt expression of my gratitude to all for the splendid and loyal support which they have rendered to me during the past six months.

It has been the period during which the Corps has attained its highest development, as a fighting organism, of cohesion and efficiency. This has been brought about alike by the valour of the troops of all arms and services, as by the splendid devotion of Commanders, Staffs, and Regimental Officers; and has resulted in the series of brilliant victories which have been contributed in so high a measure to the overthrow and utter collapse of our principle enemy.

For the remainder of the period during which the Corps will continue to function as a military body, held in readiness for any emergency that may arise during the peace negotiations, I am confident that every man will strive to do all in his power to uphold the great renown which the Corps has so worthily won.

But having completed our task in the main object which brought us from our distant homeland, and having thereby safeguarded the future of our Nation by the conquest of our most formidable enemy, we are now faced with another and an equally important task, namely, to prepare ourselves to resume our duties of citizenship and to assist individually and collectively in the reconstruction of the Australian Nation. Our numbers and our prestige place this opportunity in our hands and impose upon us this great responsibility.

I feel sure that every man in the Corps will, in this also, so worthily respond to the call of duty, and will co-operate loyally and self sacrificingly in the realisation of all plans and projects which will be developed to so worthy an end.

(Signed.) JOHN MONASH.  
Lieut. General.  
Commanding AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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NOTES: Taken at a Conference held at Aust. Corps H.Q. on 26th November, 1919, called by the Corps Commander to discuss the procedure to be taken by the A.I.F. for Demobilization.

These notes were read to Commanders of all Units in the 13th Brigade Group on 28th November 1919.

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The Corps Commander, (Lieut.-Gen. Sir JOHN MONASH) took the chair. He stated it had been his intention to first speak of the present and future movements of the Corps, but on account of the necessity for General BIRD OOD to leave early he would commence with the demobilization programme.

First and foremost, before anything could be said, done or published regarding this project it was essential that all those present (and all those others to whom the scheme was to be later explained) must put themselves in the special frame of mind necessary to consider the project or scheme in the "big way" in which we must all look upon it, to think not merely as soldiers and members of the A.I.F. but as representatives of Australia. He (Gen. MONASH) spoke of it as an unparalleled problem, and he was sure that all present would agree, which we are now called upon to face and deal with. 800,000 persons, soldiers and munition workers, and others who are intimately connected with our Overseas forces to be transported overseas.

The cost of maintaining the A.I.F. was roughly one million per week, or if the additional cost of loss of productivity to Australia be included, it would reach 1 1/2 to 2 millions weekly. Therefore the need for rapidity in the repatriation of the A.I.F. is very apparent. Our Australian War Expenditure has exceeded 200 millions sterling, the heavy taxation on this amount will have to be met and faced, and the return of all our fighting men (the A.I.F.) is a vital necessity to the welfare of Australia. Many factors will delay speed in repatriation- these factors he will touch on during his talk; lack of shipping is of course apparent to all, but many other factors exist also and others will arise from time to time.

Now we must consider how we may all, all our men, be made of more value to Australia, educationally, morally, mentally etc. The very fact that we during our absence from Australia, have met so many other nations, seen so many lands etc. must tell on us from an educational standpoint, for want of a better phrase. Our return to Australia equipped as we will be with this added knowledge already gained and to be learnt, will act as a "spiritual momentum" to the community.

Our first task, very important, the formation or creation of a "reconstruction morale". Just as the fighting "morale" has been gained and maintained, so we must attain a high morale for the reconstruction period. This will only be possible by the heartiest co-operation and efforts by all Commanders, each and every one of them must realize that theirs must not be a "detached" attitude, but must be one of an earnest desire to associate themselves closely with the movement for repatriation. Full use must be made of the present leaders and commanders of the A.I.F. units who have gained a prestige by their military "prowess", knowledge, or leadership, by using this prestige to assist in the creation in all ranks of the proper feeling towards repatriation.

The men must be shown, taught, and led into this matter of material Co-operation, and thus obtain their lively sympathy with the repatriation problem.



The present instrument, so largely and so often used by Commanders, that of the "Corp. feeling", must be veiled of in the ways best known by such Commanders.

The present indefiniteness of aim, doubts as to the future, will increase unless quickly coped with. To use a medical analogy, "hospilities", so well known to medical men, must not be allowed to have its counterparts enter into our military life; just as, for instance a man who imagines his arm to be hurt may have it bandaged and placed in a sling, and by failing to use losses its use completely. We must employ all our faculties if we wish to retain them.

Our men must be watched and cared for, materially and psychologically during this period ahead of us and pending the creation of the necessary machinery for carrying out repatriation.

REPATRIATION MACHINERY. Australia has two Ministries dealing with repatriation, i.e. Defence and Repatriation. Unless carefully co-ordinated, errors and duplications will occur. How can this be done? The function of the Board of Control which will be set up at this end (i.e. in London) will be to represent both Ministries. The appointment of General MOHASH as Director General of Demobilization will not mean the creation of an organisation etc. quite apart and distinct from the A.I.F., it will be under the control of the G.O.C., A.I.F., and all the existing machinery of the A.I.F. will then be available and will be used. As matters will have to be dealt with outside the scope of one individual to deal with, a Board of Control will be necessary, (questions relating to finance, civilian, military and economical matters this Board will possibly comprise General of Demobilization, one other military member and two or more civilians now probably on their way from Australia. This Board will have under its various branches or directorates, divided possibly as under.

Administration, Personnel, Ordnance and Supplies, Transport and Quartering, Medical, Veterinary, Flying Corps, Finance and Pay, Employment.

The Director General of Demobilization will have the right to deal and correspond direct with Units of the A.I.F. (This right will in no way be abused, the correct channel of military procedure will be assured and respected).

The policy will have to be methodically and slowly built up, not issuing a lot of instructions, regulations, etc., which may have to be cancelled or amended as soon as issued. Very careful thought will be given to every aspect of the problems ahead and definite rules for guidance will be sent out from time to time. The papers and everything pertaining to the Demobilization must be carefully kept by each unit so as to be ready for use and reference at all times, careful tabulation needed.

In contradistinction to the methods required for active service, when a Commander in planning his scheme for an operation has to maintain such great secret that he cannot impart his ideas or instructions to his subordinate commanders until the last possible moment, the fullest amount of information possible regarding demobilization will be made available by General MOHASH and his Department.

Tell the men, therefore, all that is possible at the earliest moment.

First Task. - Repatriation of 200000 persons, with the equipment etc. of five Divisions in France, all the personnel, stores, etc. in England, and the mounted Divisions and other troops in Egypt and elsewhere. This task cannot commence till Peace, or its preliminary treaties, is signed. (G.H.Q. is

striving to maintain before us all in the Field that Peace is not here yet - an armistice such as has been completed is not peace by any means). Therefore no demobilization of any units till peace preliminaries are signed. When will that be? By no chance before February 1919, possibly early in February but possibly not till end of that month. The A.I.F. is under the same conditions, we do not commence demobilization till Peace is well under way.

Shipping for some 11000 men will be available before the end of 1918, but the personnel for these ships has nothing whatever to do with demobilization, - "B" Class men in England in hospitals, and in Depots, will be sent in these ships, - the ships are urgently needed in Australia for cargoes for Europe. In addition to "B" Class men, those of the "1915" Class, who enlisted or embarked prior to 30th June 1915, will be given facilities to return in these first ships, as is now being done with the "1914" personnel.

Regarding our term of Service in the A.I.F. Enlistment was made for the duration of the War and four months thereafter. An amending Act has been passed in Australia which concerns us all, a "Stat of War" may be held to exist until the Governor General, by proclamation, notifies that it no longer exists.

Shipping difficulty is going to be our greatest trouble. The Shipping Board will deal with this problem, and ships will be allotted when and where available. Ships are required to return with cargoes, supplies of foodstuffs etc., but not only is the transport of personnel to be arranged for, but that of the raw material needed by Australia from elsewhere, and also from Australia. Period of time required to transport us all will certainly be 18 months, not less, possibly longer. Shipping is not the only factor in this time - the capacity of Australia to absorb and employ this large number of men (200000) and without displacing a corresponding number now in employment is a very considerable factor in this period. (A few figures were here quoted to impress us with the magnitude of the task etc. - supporting that the period commences on 1st February next, with 150,000 then remaining in all our theatres of the war, by 1st June, 100,000 would still remain for transport.) Next question, how to employ our men during the waiting period. It is futile to think that the ordinary military training will suffice, or even be required. Though we still remain as soldiers, other occupations and employments must be undertaken.

Two categories may be used to classify our men on :-

1. Those who can be educated in various ways.
2. (A small category only). Those who do not want to work and who will be content to loaf for 12 months on full pay.

Also a third and special category, our unfortunate "derelicts".

It is up to all commanders to use their best powers to employ and find occupation for men in all their categories, special attention to the latter two.

To deal with category 1, the various spheres for Educational employment:  
Educational - Industrial Economic, - Scientific, -  
Wage earning work, - Re-tries, Ship Building, Hotel  
working etc, - Commonwea Departments.

A feeling is prevalent in England that an industrial boom will follow peace, if so, and if Trades Unionists don't object, (English or Australian) employment may be found for a number of our men in U.K. whilst awaiting embarkation. Mr HUGHES has already gone into this matter question.

Propoganda must be launched as early as possible. The fellow that doesn't want to leave a comfortable camp and "six bob a day" to improve his own condition as a citizen, must be reached and dealt with.

How can we launch the propoganda for this, - and also to build up the "morale" previously alluded to. Firstly, the military prestige of the commanders must be employed - this must percolate through the junior officers to the men. Secondly, our existing educational scheme to be utilized. Then we have our Chaplains to assist in spreading the "message". Also another factor in our midst who can be useful, - the member of Parliament, - some sitting members who are now serving in our ranks, or who may be ex-members, or candidates for Parliament, men of the various shades of political opinion, their eloquence, properly trained and utilised will no doubt be of great value. (A scheme by which these men may be selected and trained was put forward by the Corps Commander).

Lectures will be prepared and circulated, the object of them being to change the thoughts of our men from war, and all that they have been taught to think of during 4 years of war, to reconstruction.

A printed form will very shortly reach all units - which requires to be filled in and posted back to London Headquarters with all despatch. These forms are to be carefully seriously and methodically compiled under personal care and supervision of Officers. This form will doubtless be one of many.

PRIORITY OF SELECTION FOR REPATRIATION. Many conflicting factors to contend with. The actual decisions reached by Australian Government are up to present difficult to follow as they have to be cabled over, and errors are possible in translation of cables, but it is believed that Australia has decided to return by military units, or half units. This will be adhered to as far as is possible, but we must realise now and definitely that the idea of complete units being landed in their Australian Capitals or home towns and marching through the streets is out of the question. It is fully realised by Gen. MONASH and all other in high command how this idea does appeal to us all as soldiers, but it is not possible of realization. We must be content to know that our units will not be destroyed, and will go home as units, even though depleted ones.

Retain Bands, concert parties, entertainments, etc., intact to the very last. Each unit must be organized by its commander in sequence of priority. (This necessitates each commander mastering early the details of the priority as decided by Australia, and then dealing with each individual fairly and impartially on his own judgement. In special cases of difficulty he may appeal to his Brigadier, or Divisional Commander to settle them (or the General MONASH or to the G.O.C., A.E.F., in very difficult problems.)

No person, - officer or man, - will be permitted to return if his services are needed at this end, and these services must be cheerfully given. For example, unit cadres must be maintained, personnel to look after the affairs of units, squaring up accounts, finance etc., stores and records. Also demobilization personnel, Officers and men for administrative duties, in repatriation camps, ports etc, personnel for shipping, embarkation staffs, and on the last ships. Therefore all ranks must realise what this entails, i.e., their remaining at this side of the world until services are no longer needed, and their attitude

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towards the whole scheme must be one of cheerful co-operation. Staffs for the various departments will be needed, and, as soon as the period of "peace preliminaries" is over, officers will have to be withdrawn from formations and units to fill appointments.

URGENT RETURN - ON COMPASSIONATE GROUNDS. Urgent family or business reasons. Divisional Commanders will be authorised to recommend such applications to Director General of Demobilization direct, but the application must be complete in all details, not forwarded merely for decision, or as to a Post Office.

REPATRIATION OF DEPENDANTS OF MEMBERS OF THE A.I.F. There are 7000 of these dependants in England now. A big task to get them to Australia. Got rid of idea quickly that men may travel home with their womenfolk. Shipping conditions alone preclude this possibility; ships are all fitted up as transports for troops only, with no provision for female passengers. All womenfolk should therefore be encouraged to get to Australia by first available boats.

EMPLOYMENT. Some men may be needed at once in England, and tactical conditions permitting, these may be taken from units at once, "transferred" to D.G. of Ds. Dent.

IMPORTANT POINT. Even though a man may be on the priority list as next to return to Australia, he may remain at this end if he can show good reasons, such as to improve his knowledge, education etc.

The G.O.C., A.I.F., again spoke at this point; explaining that he had decided to at once break up A.I.F. Depots in U.K., returning all sick and unfit men to Australia, and all others, privates, those undergoing training, cadres etc., to their units in France. He also mentioned that in the interim periods ahead of us our time may be subdivided, or our energies devoted to the following subjects:-

- Entertainment - the work of Divisions.
- Education - Bishop Long has this in hand.
- Occupation - Mr Hughes is dealing with this.

General MONASH said he will welcome any constructive suggestions for any improvements in the Repatriation Reconstruction Scheme.


At 3.30 p.m. General Birdwood had to leave the meeting on account of the distance of return.

On the re-opening of the conference, in replies to questions, the Corps Commander stated that priority would distinctly not be "occupational" priority.

DISCHARGES IN THE U.K. may be approved in certain cases but are to be in every way discouraged.

EDUCATIONAL. Standard Books, Text Books, etc., will be notified. Imperial authorities are now arranging to reprint and issue cheap editions of many books required for our educational work.

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Re TRADES UNIONS. In a return which will shortly have to be filled in for each member of the A.I.F. the question occurs, "Are you a Trades Unionist?". The Corps Commander particularly desires that this question is carefully answered, that all ranks understand that there is no political significance attached to the question, but that it is necessary purely for the correct compilation of the figures required by the Australian Government.  
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BEST WISHES  
for CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR  
from  
THE C.O. and OFFICERS of the HEADQUARTERS STAFF  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

Christmas, 1918.

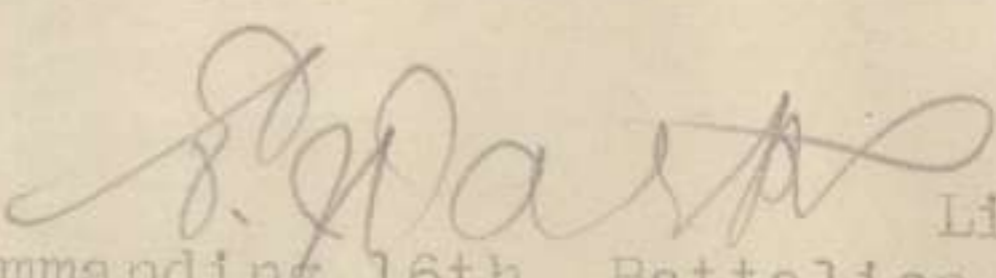
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16th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

FLORENNES,  
24th December, 1918.

C. O.,  
4th. Aust. Machine Gun Company.-

Please accept, and convey to all Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 4th. Australian Machine Gun Company, the COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON and every good wish for the NEW YEAR from the Commanding Officer, Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the 16th Australian Infantry Battalion.

  
Lieut-Colonel.  
Commanding 16th. Battalion. A. I. F.

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The officers N.C.O. & men  
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FROM 4 Coy.

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The B.O. sends  
greetings and wishes  
affection of B.O. men  
a happy Xmas

From H. 169 Am

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*The officers N.C.O. & men of 12 Coy. send greetings & best wishes.*

*AM*

FROM *12 Coy*

TIME & PLACE

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