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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RENINGHELST	Sept 1		Remaining battn of 10th Brigade in line, relieved by a battalion of 2nd Australian Brigade, moves to ERIE camp. Brigade H.Q. moves to POPERINGHE. Advance representatives of staff of 2nd Australian Division arrive to reconnoitre area. 12th Field Ambulance move back to WORMHOUDT. Commencement of relief of two right groups of 4th Div Arty by 2nd Australian Div Arty.	
	2		Completion of relief of two right groups of 4th Div Arty by 2nd Australian Div Arty.	
	3		11th Field Ambulance moves back to HERZEELE.	
	4		10th Brigade move from ST LAWRENCE, ERIE, TORONTO and WINNIPEG to K, L and M camps, with Brigade H.Q. in POPERINGHE. 2nd Essex go to be attached to 114th Brigade (38th Div). 2nd Lancs Fus. go to ELVERDINGHE, 1st Kings Own to BRANDHOEK, 2nd Duke to remain in POPERINGHE, with 12th Brigade H.Q. Wagon lines 14th and 32nd FA Brigades move back to HERZEELE and WATOU districts respectively. Div School to VOLKERINCKHOVE. Rempes 2d Coy, to camp in H2 attached to 29th Div.	
	5		2nd Aust. Div commence detraining and marching into area. Railhead moves to PROVEN from RENINGHELST after refilling.	295c 5/13
	6		2nd Aust Div continue their detrainment. Course opened at School VOLKERINCKHOVE.	

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RENINGHELST	Sept 6		10 officers 10 NCOs each from 10th and 11th Brigades and 10 officers and 9 NCOs 12th Brigade. Bayonet course starts at same place, 4 officers 16 NCOs 10th Brigade 4th Div Artillery look over from 20th Div Artillery, covering part of 29th Division	
	8		Advance party of Div H.Q. move to ESQUELBECC Billeting list issued *	*APP "A"
	9		1st Som L.I., 1st East Lancs. and 11th M.G. Coy. relieved by 5th Aust. Inf Bde. move by train route to BOLLEZEELE, VOLKERINCKHOVE and BOLLEZEELE respectively.	
ESQUELBECC	10		11th Brigade move to BOLLEZEELE, Rifle Brigade to same area, 1st Hants and T.M. Battery to MERCKEGHEM and Div H.Q. to ESQUELBECC, - Corps Reserve Area.	
	11		Orders issued for move of 11th Brigade, 29th Artillery Brigade, 12th Field Ambulance, a section 4th TAC and No 3 Coy Train to DUNKERQUE area * APM proceeds to DUNKERQUE	*APP "B"
	12		Drummer Ritchie, 2nd Seaforth Highlanders, awarded V.C. for action on 1st July. 11th Brigade re still at DUNKERQUE	
	13		DADOS reports large percentage of repaired boots received from the Base which are unfit for issue. Corps notifies that a shortage of cheese ration is likely to last two months, and asks if it will be possible to purchase vegetable	

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APP A

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4th. Div. Q. 996.

4th Division BILLETING LIST from September 10th, 1916.

Divisional H.Q.		ESQUELBECQ.
H.Q. Div. Artillery.		POPERINGHE.
14th Brigade R.F.A.		I.1.b.8.0.
14th " Wagon Lines.		HERZEELE.
88th Battery.		D.10.b.2.5.
88th Battery.		D.4.a.7.4.
88th Battery.		D.10.b.9.5.
29th Brigade R.F.A.		HOUTKERQUE.
29th " Wagon Lines.		"
125th Battery.		E.8.c.1.6.
126th Battery.		Z.2.c.5.8.
127th Battery.		E.14.c.0.5.
128th Battery.		E.3.c.2.5.
32nd Brigade R.F.A.		WATOU.
32nd " Wagon Lines.		WATOU.
27th Battery.		K.5.c.3.8.
134th Battery.		K.5.a.5.4.
135th Battery.		K.4.d.9.4.
D/32 Battery.		K.5.c.3.8.
Div Amm Col H.Q.		A.20.d.3.2.
No.1 Section.		G.3.c.7.3.
No.2 Section.		A.26.b.1.9.
No.3 Section.		G.4.c.9.2.
No.4 Section.		A.25.b.0.9.
Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries.		WORMHOUDT.
Medium Trench Mortar Batteries.		I.2.g.2.1.
C.R.E.		ESQUELBECQ.
4th Div Signal Company R.E.		"
9th Field Company R.E.	(H.Q. & 1 Sect)	B.19.a.4.7.
	(1 Section)	B.13.d.3.3.
	(1 Section)	B.19.b.3.8.
	(1 Section)	BOLLEZEELE.
	Transport.	A.24.b.5.9.
1/1st Renfrew Fld Coy R.E.	(H.Q. & 5 Sections)	YPRES.
	(1 Section)	St. JAN-TER-BIEZEN.
	Transport.	H.2.c.1.3.
1/1st Durham Fld Coy R.E.	H.Q. & 1 Section:	A.15.b.9.5.
	1 Section.	A.28 central.
	1 Section.	TROIS TOURS.
	1 Section.	St. JAN-TER-BIEZEN.
	Transport.	A.15.b.9.5.
10th Infantry Bde H.Q.		6 OROMBEKE ST. POPERINGHE.
" " " 1st Line Transport.		G.1.d.3.5.
" " " M.G. Company.		"L" Camp.
" " " " " 1st Line Tpt.		"H" Camp.
1st R. Warwick Regt.		"M" Camp.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.		"M" Camp.
2nd R. Dublin Fusiliers:		TATINGHEM.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.		"
1st R. Irish Fusiliers.		"L" Camp.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.		"L" Camp.
3rd Seaforth Highs.		"K" Camp.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.		"K" Camp.
Trench Mortar Battery.		"H" Camp.

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11th Infantry Brigade H.Q.	BOLLEZEELE SQUARE.
" " " " 1st Line Tpt.	"
" " " " M.G. Company.	"
" " " " 1st Line Tpt.	"
1st Somerset L.I.	"
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	"
1st Hampshire Regt.	MERCKEGHEM.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	"
1st East Lancs Regt.	VOLKERINGHOVE.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	"
1st Rifle Brigade.	BOLLEZEELE.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	"
Trench Mortar Battery.	MERCKEGHEM.
12th Infantry Brigade H.Q.	16 PLACE BERTHEN, POPERINGHE.
" " " " 1st Line Tpt.	POPERINGHE. G.7.b.
" " " " M.G. Company. (H.Q. &	2 sections) 34 RUE DES BELGIQUES.
	POPERINGHE.
	(2 sections) ELVERDINGHE.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	G.8.b.3.9.
1st Kings Own Regt. (H.Q. & 1/2 Coy)	H.7.c.8.5.
1/2 Company	H.7.d.1.9.
1 Company	G.12.c.9.4.
2 Companies	L. Works.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	H.7.c.8.3.
2nd Lancs Fusiliers. (H.Q. & 2 Coys.)	ELVERDINGHE.
2 Coys.)	G.12.a.9.6.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	A.23.b.3.3.
2nd Duke of Wellingtons Regt.	4 RUE DE LA BELANCE.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	POPERINGHE.
2nd Essex Regt.	RUE DES VACHES. POPERINGHE.
" " " " 1st Line Transport.	Attached 114th Bde. 38th Divn.
Trench Mortar Battery.	G.5.c.
	32 RUE DES PRETRES.
	POPERINGHE.
H.Q. 4th Divnl Train.	HERZEELE.
H.Q. Comapny.	E.12.c.
No.2 Company.	E.13.c.
No. 3 Comapny.	BOLLEZEELE.
No.4 Comapny.	E.12.c.
A.D.M.S.	ESQUELBECQ.
10th Field Ambulance.	WATOU.
11th Field Ambulance.	HERZEELE.
12th Field Ambulance.	WORMHOUDT.
3a Sanitary Section.	HERZEELE.
A.D.V.S.	HERZEELE.
Mobile Vctorinary Section.	LEDRINGHEM.
A.P.H.	ESQUELBECQ.
No.4 Div Supply Column.	HERZEELE.
D.A.D.O.S.	G.2.d.9.4.
21st West Yorks. (Pioneers)	H.Q. VIAMERTINGHE CHATEAU.
	2 Companies. YPRES.
	1 Company. B.21.c.1.9.
	1 Company. L.6. works.
	Transport. G.12.c.9.3.
	"L" Camp.
	ESQUELBECQ.
	"
	G.2.d.9.4.
	G.2.d.9.4.
	L.5.c.6.9.
	PROVEN.
Reserve Company.	
French Mission.	
Belgian Mission.	
Ordnance Dump.	
Armourers Shop.	
Boot Shop.	
Refilling Point.	

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Divisional Band.
Divisional School.
Claims Officers.
Senior Chaplain.
4th Div Follies.

With 11th Infty Brigade.
VOLKERINCKHOVE.
WORMFOUDT.
ESQUELSEEQ.
"L" Camp. with 10th Bde..

8th September 1916.

W.P.H.HILL, Lieut-Colonel.,
A.A. & Q.M.G., 4th Division.

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4th DIVISION OPERATION ORDER NO: 58.

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Sept 10th 1918.

1. In accordance with orders received from Second Army, the following units of the 4th Division will march on 11th Sept to billets near DUNKIRK.
 - (a) 11th Infantry Brigade.
 - (b) 29th Artillery Brigade.
 - (c) 12th Field Ambulance.
 - (d) No: 3 Coy, Divnl Train and attached units of H.Qrs Coy.
2. Above units will march in accordance with attached table at such an hour as to enable them to arrive in their billets by 2 p.m. 11th September.
3. On arrival they will report to Brig-Genl Rees, D.S.O. Comdg 11th Infantry Bde and will remain under his orders.
4. Above units will move rationed for the 12th instant.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 10.30 p.m.

MA
W. M. ...

Major.

General Staff., 4th Division.

Copies to :-

- 11th Inf. Bde.
- 29th F.A. Brigade.
- No: 3 Coy Divnl Train.
- 12th Field Ambulance.

- 4th Divn "Q"
- 8th Corps.
- A.D.M.S.
- 4th Div Arty.
- 4th Div Signale.
- A.P.H..

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UNIT	FROM	TO	ROUTE
11th Inf. Bde.	BOLLEZEELE	COUDKERQUE - TETEGHEM - ARMBOUTS CAPPEL - CAPPELLE. Bde H.Qrs Admiralty Office, DUNKIRK (near Docks)	ZEGGERS CAPPEL - BERGUES. Billeting parties to report to Mayors of villages.
29th F.A.Bde.	BUSSEBOOM	H.Qrs & 1 Bty - SPYCKER. 3 Batteries - BROUCKERQUE.	POPERINGHE - HOUTKERQUE - ZEGGERS CAPPEL - PITGAM. Billeting parties to report to Mayors of villages.
12th Field Amb.	WORMHOUDT	COUDKERQUE	BERGUES
No: 3 Coy. Div Train.	BOLLEZEELE	COUDKERQUE	BERGUES

Operation Order by
Colonel J. Grech, D.S.O., A.M.S.
A.D.M.S., 4th Division.

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10th September, 1916.

- 1. No. 12 Field Ambulance will move from WORMHOUDT to COURDEKERKUEE on the 11th instant, starting at 10 a.m. route:- WORMHOUDT - BERGUES - COURDEKERKUE.

The collecting post at BOLLEZEELE will be withdrawn night of 10th instant.

The O.C., No.12 F.A. will hand over the Divisional Rest Station to O.C., No.11 Field Ambulance.

He will detail three horse ambulances to follow the 11th Infantry Brigade, starting from ZEGGERS-CAPPEL. Ambulances to be at ZEGGERS-CAPPEL at 7-30 a.m.

He will also send 4 Motor Ambulances by the same route at 9-30 a.m. *starting from BOLLEZEELE*

He will send one Motor Ambulance to follow the route of 29th Brigade R.F.A. to be at PROVEN at 10-30 a.m.

He will take 120 stretchers with him also a plentiful supply of dressings and medical comforts, etc.

He will leave one Officer in charge of patients at D.R.S.

- 2. O.C., No.11 Field Ambulance will send two Sections to WORMHOUDT to take over D.R.S. from O.C., No.12 F.A. at 8 a.m.

He will detail one Officer to report to O.C., No.12. for duty.

He will send one Motor Ambulance to BOLLEZEELE - VOLKERINCKHOVE, - MERCKEGHEM to collect any sick left behind by the 11th Inf.Bde. Motor Ambulance to be at BOLLEZEELE at 7-30 a.m. *11th inst.*

- 3. O.C., No.10 Field Ambulance will detail one Officer for temporary duty with No.11 F.A. at WORMHOUDT. *11th inst.*

He will hand over one Motor Cycle to O.C., No.12 F.A. as a temporary measure, to report by 8 a.m. *11th inst.*

He will detail one Officer for duty at the Divisional School at VOLKERINCKHOVE to report to Commandant at 8-30 a.m. 11th instant.

- 4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Grech

Colonel A.M.S.
A.D.M.S., 4th Division.

Issued at..... p.m.

Copies to:-

- No.10, 11 & 12 Field Ambulance
- 4th Division. "G" & "Q"
- D.M.S., 2nd Army.
- D.D.M.S., 8th Corps.

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