

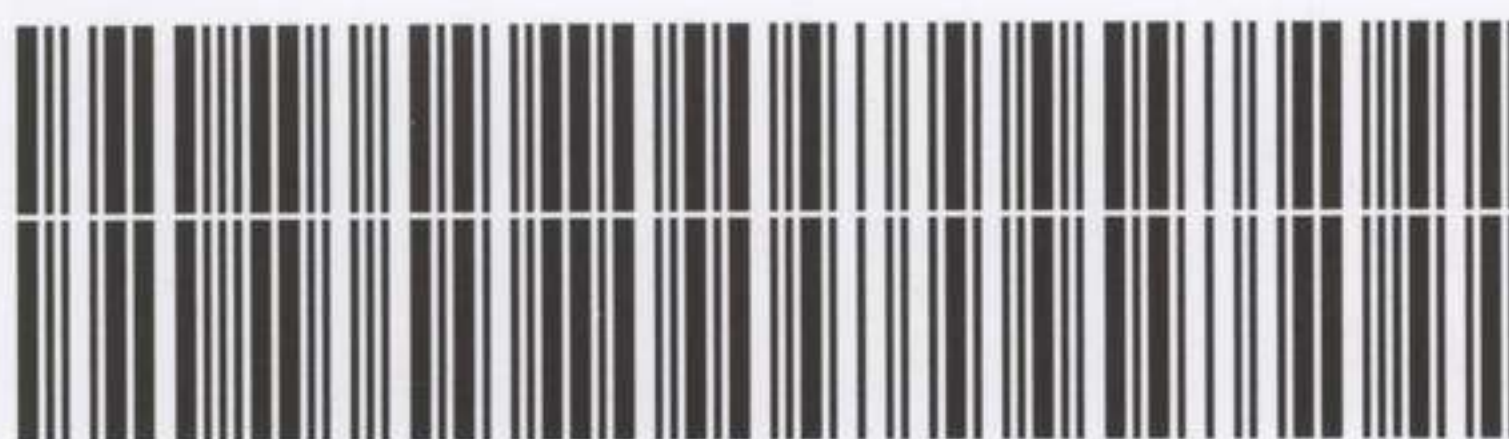
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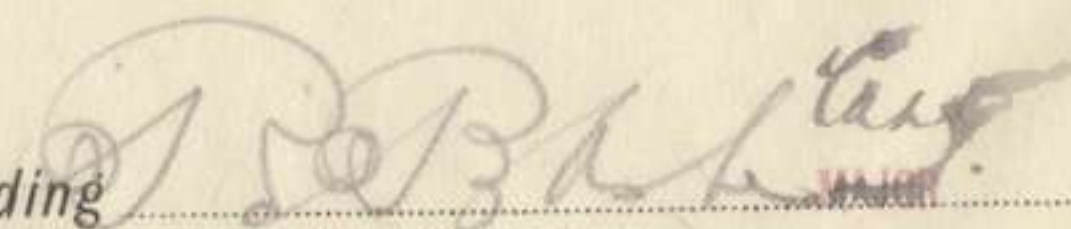
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GERPINNES	1st		4th Australian Divisional Headquarters at GERPINNES (Sheet Namur.1.100.000) Headquarters and No 1 Section at GERPINNES No.2 Section TARCENNE No.4 Section COCRAMONT. No.5 Section GUIGNIES Hqrs RA. Detachment GUIGNIES.	
	2nd		On amalgamation of 13th A.I. Brigade and 4th Aus Div Artillery, the Hqrs of 13th Brigade ceased to function as such and No 4 Section of this Company (which had been attached thereto since the formation of the Brigade) and the Personnel were transferred to Hqrs and No 2 Sections. Line through from 4/12th A I Brigade Hqrs to 45th Composite Battalion	
	4th		No 5 Section was withdrawn from 4th Aust M.G. Bn and personnel transferred to Hqrs Section and remainder of stores withdrawn from the section.	
	5th		Line from 4/12th A.I. Brigade Dis to 15th A.I. Bn O.K. at noon.	
	6th		Quota No 30 which included 2 NCO's and 10 O=Rs from 4th Australian Div Signal Company marched to Reinforcement wing for return to Australia. DA.HQ Detachment. Line to CRE dis 1130 and repaired 1330	
	7th		DA.HQ. 1 line to Division dis 1030 OK 1400. Line to 13th Brigade Bn dis 1350 OK.1800 line to CRE dis and repaired. 700 yards of this line was removed by Belgian Civilians The CRE moved to Guignies and was provided with line to M.G.Bn. 13th A.I Bde Bn line dis	
	8th		On this Date upon instructions from A. Group Divl Hqrs Sunbeam touring Car on charge to this Unit was parked with Divisional Hqrs cars for use by them. DA.HQ. Detachment. 10/11 AFA Brigade line dis 0900 OK 1100. 13th Bde Bn line still out of order.	
	19th		<del>8 Mules sold by Auction at Chatelet</del> despatched to Chatelet for inspection prior to sale by Auction on 10th Inst. DA HQ M.G.Bn line dis 0930 OK 1000. 13th Bde Bn line OK 1100	
	10th		8 mules sold by Auction at Chatelet. This reduces the number of animals on strength of of this Unit to 1 ride Z class.	



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GERPINNES	11th		4/12th AI Brigade. Office closed at Tartienne 0900, reopened Acoz 1200 communication with Division and to 13th and 45th Composite Battalions	
	12th		DA HQ Detachment. Units under this Headquarters moved as follows 10/11th A.F.A Brigade Mettit to Acoz 12th Army Brigade and 12th BAC from Morlame to Villers Potteries. 4th DAC from Biesmere to Joncret. 13th Brigade Bn from Sart Eustache to Aiseau. Telephone communication to these new positions arranged by No 1 Section. Communication established with 12th Army Brigade at 1300. Owing to breakdown in transport during move of 10/11th AFA Brigades Technical equipment of this Unit did not arrive this day. Communication carried out by Motor DR. Communication to all other Units by DRLS Runs Two per day commencing 0900 and 1500.	
	13th		12 other ranks marched out for return to Australia with Quota No 45. this reducing the Unit to 'A' Cadre strength. DA HQ Detachment. Telephone communication established with 10/11th AFA Brigade 4th DAC and 13th A.I. Brigade Bn at 2000.	
	14th		13th Brigade Bn Line Dis OK again at 1100.	
	15th		Following stores returned to DADOS, demob stores Chatelineau. waggons limbered 5. waggons GS RE 3. Carts Maltese 3. carts water 1. 2 lorry loads of cycles and miscellaneous equipment. The H.T. of this Unit is now completely demobilized	
	16th		Lines from Div Hqs to 4/12th AI. Brigade Hqs improved.	
	18th		Cressley, Box car, and portable electric light set and battery attached to this Unit returned to 4th Australian M.T. Coy. DA HQ Detachment. Orders received to the effect that DA HQ. would cease to function as such at 1400 on 19th. Alterations in telephone communications made as follows. 4th Aus M.G. Bn to A Aus Div Cadre B, and 4th A.D.A. to 10/11th AFA Brigade, 12th Army Brigade to 10/11th AFA Brigade	
	19th		'A' Divisional Hqs ceased to function as such, the remaining Units of 4th Aus Divn were grouped under the command of Genl Drake Brockman. CMG. DSO. and were known as A4 Brigade group with Hqs at Acoz. Brigade was administered by B Divl Hqs, Marcenelle. Exchange was maintained at Gerpinned and this remained the communication centre. DA HQ. The Hqs of 4th Australian DA. ceased to function as such and were reduced to Cadre B. Personnel of this section were transferred to HQ Section.	

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GERPINNES	20th		Line run from 4/12th A.I. Brigade Hqs to 10/11th A.F.A. Brigade at 1100	
	21st		5 Other Ranks marched out for return to Australia with quota 40.	
	22nd		The remaining staff of A Divisional Hqs moved to Chatelet and were served by exchange manned at Chatelet by personnel of the 1st Aus Div Signal Company.	
	25th		Headquarters and No 1 Section moved to Chatelet. Office closed Gerpennes 1000. No 1 section. line arranged from A4 Brigade Hqs to Chatelet Exchange M.G. Bn put through to 10/11th AFA Brigade. Chatelet Exchange manned by equal personnel of 1st and 4th Australian Div Sig Coys. Although Australian Corps Sig Coy and B Aus Div had been advised of the move to Chatelet no line was available to either of these exchanges. Communication was carried by DRLS. Line to 13th Brigade Bn dis OK again at 1400.	
	26th		Communication to HQ A/4 Australian Brigade group and 10/11th AFA Brigade Group was interrupted by Corps linemen taking lines for use previously used by us, and no notification received of their intentions. Eventually line was obtained to Aust Corps through 10/11th AFA Brigade exchange thence to B Division.	
	27th		Air line route between Chatelet and Marcenelle reconnoitred but no line available. Major C.H. Joseph MC. left the Unit for N/M Employment in UK. Captain V.D. Bowne MC took over Command of 1/4th Aus Div Sig Coy.	
	28th		Hqs A/4 Aus Brigade Group taken over by Col R Dowse DSO. No 2 Section which had been detached to 4th A.I Brigade since its formation in 1914 ceased to exist and personnel transferred to HQ Section. No 1 Section. Line laid by cable from Chatelet to B Div Exchange Marcenelle. Distance 8 Kiles.	
	29th 30th		Lines arranged DADOS Corps Troops and 12th A I Bde Bn. Exchange still maintained at 10/11th AFA Brigade to accommodate 4th DAC Aust Corps, 4th M.G. Bn and 13th AI Bde Bn. 1 Riding horse handed over to 1st Aus Div Train, thus completing the Demob of all horses and Mules.	



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For OC 4th Aus Div Signal Coy.



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4TH AUS DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS APRIL 1919.

(1) COMMUNICATION. During the month owing to increasing movement of Units, great difficulty was experienced in keeping up Telephone Communication, to all Units. Very few permanent Routes existed in the Area, <sup>and</sup> in Civil Routes were in demand by the Belgian Authorities. The service of Motor Cycles was maintained to all Units. Owing to Motor Cycles belonging to 1st Aus Div Signal Company being recalled, this Unit was ordered to supply three Cycles, at 3rd Brigade Headquarters Chatelet, and two at Australian Corps Hqrs, to relieve 1st Aus Div Signal Company Cycles. The riders were also supplied with these machines. On the move of this Company to Chatelet, and the breaking up of Australian Corps Headquarters, these Cycles and Cyclists were returned to this Unit. Two Motor Cyclists who had <sup>been</sup> temporarily attached to Aust Corps Hqrs Sig Company, were also returned. On the move of the remainder of A/4 Brigade Group Hqrs to Chatelet it was arranged to continue one Office only, for A/4 and A/1 Brigade Group Hqrs. The personnel to run the same was supplied equally from 1st and 4th Australian Div Sig Companies.

(2) COMMAND. Major C.H. Joseph MC. relinquished Command of the combined Companies on the 27th, And Captain V.D. Bowen. MC. took Command.

(3) DEMOBILIZATION. The demobilization of the Unit proceeded with all possible speed. All horse transport was disposed of, as well as all horses or mules. In addition several lorry loads of miscellaneous technical stores were returned to DADOS Demob.

Three Quotas were despatched NOs 30, 35 and 40, and comprised personnel of this Unit as follows.

Date.	Quota No	NCO's	O/Re
6th	30	2	10
13th	35	2	10
21st	40	-	5
Total		4	25

This number could have been exceeded, but for the fact that, the Unit, by the Departure of Quota 40 was reduced to CADRE A. This CADRE however became considerably reduced by the breaking up of DA.Hq. detachment, & NO's 2, 4 and 5 Sections, and consequently a large Quota was prepared for departure on 1/5/1919. In addition Sunbeam Towing Cart and Portable Electric <sup>Light</sup> lorry, and set, Crossley ~~and~~ Box Car were returned to M.T. Coy.

*R.D.B.*

Captain.

For OC 4th Aus Div Signal Coy.