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# War Diary

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4<sup>th</sup> Divisional Signal Coy  
Q 351



28/4/18 Wilson Set estate at DWHP <sup>wavelength 450</sup> French Set  
Fronville Chateau French Set R Bole Adrs 025000

29/ French set estate L Bole adrs 017C37 also SOS  
PB at R Bole L Bole 029d94



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1st. Buried route from F.Y. to centre Bn. completed - Working party supplied from 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Pioneer Bns.

2nd. No. 2 Section located at P32 b 2.8. No. 3. Section at T19c. 2 Bns in line, 1 in support + Pioneer Bn in reserve. No. 4 Section at Foinloy Chateau.

2nd. Disassembled P.B. + A. str. at L. Bn. R. Bde.

Cable laid in canal from Foinloy Chateau to 11<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde position. Laterals from 11<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde to 4<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bdes.

13<sup>th</sup> Bde relieved by 4<sup>th</sup> Bde, the latter established their H.Q. in Quarry to right of ~~Handlet~~ <sup>O12 b 9.5</sup>. All lines bridged over to new position. No. 4 Section closed office at 9.30 pm, reopened same hour at P32 b 2.8. Bns of 13<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. situated in AUBIGNY LINE. In communication by party line through buried system.

No. 5<sup>B</sup>. Sub-Section established linesmans post at P30 b 5.9.

3rd. Erected trench W/T sets at H.Q. 4<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. and H.Q. 11<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. Sets to be "silent" until operations commence.

Erected Rear 80 metre loop sets at H.Q. 4<sup>th</sup> + 11<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bdes. Adv P.B. + A. str. at R. Bn R. Bde. from O24 a 5.6 to P19 b 3.5.

Established P.B. + A. str. at 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Cable Head. P8 c 2.2 (also H.Q. of 16 BN for operations)

CW Note III W/T set erected at Div. O.P. Wellcome Wood.

Installed "A.B.C." charging set at Barbie Chateau (O5 c 4.6.) + commenced charging accumulators there. Carrying party reported from 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Pioneer BN.

No. 5. Section extended lines forward to Sailly-le-sec + Bouzencourt for 12<sup>th</sup> + 8<sup>th</sup> MG Boys moving up.

All communications strengthened for forthcoming operations.

4th. Established 80 metre loop sets at P15 c 1.7 (4<sup>th</sup> Bde Fwd. Party) + at P9 a 9.2 (11<sup>th</sup> Bde Fwd. Party) as soon as Forward Parties reached their destinations.

P.E.L. - 3 K.W. set failed. Replaced temporarily by an emergency set from P.E.L. workshops.



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5<sup>th</sup> - 80 metre loop set withdrawn from P15 C 1.7, as Brigade Forward Party is no longer required. Mk III C.W. set withdrawn from Div. O.P. Wellcome Wood.

Cable salvaged in Bussy. 4 <sup>captured</sup> German pigeons sent to Corps.

6<sup>th</sup> - 80 metre loop + trench sets withdrawn from J29 C 9.5 + former forward set from P9 a 9.2. Sections then used their own W/T apparatus.

13<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde relieved 4<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde at 3 am. Adv. Bde. Fwd. Report Centre established 1000 yds forward of Bde H.Q. Personnel 1 Sig Officer 1 Sgt, 3 telephonists + 4 linesmen. Lines forward of Bde H.Q. dis. at intervals owing to HE + Gas shelling.

7<sup>th</sup> - Arranged for dugout to be constructed at L Bn Centre Bde (P9 C 4.9). Installing PB + A Str when dugout is completed. Four men withdrawn for rest from str. at P8 C 2.2. Route surveyed for bury from Faggot Farm to Fouilloy Chateau.

Messenger dog missing from No. 3 Section.

2 Message C carrying rockets fired from 49<sup>th</sup> BN. One good direction but landed over objective. 2<sup>nd</sup> about 500 yds right.

8<sup>th</sup> - Endeavour made to find enemy Listening Set supposed to be in Hamel. No trace of the set was found in the village. 51<sup>st</sup> Bty A.F.A had previously found set + taken it to their own Div. The set was eventually recovered + handed to "G" Staff of this Division.

Messenger dog returned to No. 3 Section + again sent forward.

One Bn. of 12<sup>th</sup> Bde. advanced slightly to straighten line. Lines were easy to maintain during the operation. Visual + W/T was also used. Visual Communication established between 13<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup> Bde + also between 49<sup>th</sup> + 51<sup>st</sup> Bns.



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- 9<sup>th</sup> Dugout completed at L Bn Centre Bde (P9C4.9). P.B. + A Str. moved over from old position P8C2.2.  
Commenced bury from Faggot Farm to Fouilloy Chateau. Working party from ~~4<sup>th</sup>~~ A.I. Bde.  
Messengers dogs tied by both Bns of 13<sup>th</sup> Bde in line. Dog No. 117 returned in 45 mins, No 118 in 9 mins.  
No. 4 Section laid 7 ft. cable to "I.D." test box. Test showed only 3 ft. workable.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Cable burying continued. Ground very hard. Party supplied by 4<sup>th</sup> Bde. for 4 hours only. Average depth 4 feet. Trench left open.  
No. 4 Section established visual communication with Advanced Div. Stations.  
11<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde became Left Group at 10 pm. Communications were taken over from 298 R.F.A. Bde + 5<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde.
- 11<sup>th</sup> W/T Str. at O12 b 7.7 relieved by personnel of 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus. Div.  
Small working party supplied by 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Pioneers completed + buried cable in trench left open on previous day. Cable buried for 800 yds.  
13<sup>th</sup> Bde. in touch with them near position by direct line through bury. In touch with Nucleus by ground cable from Rear Bde.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Remainder of W/T Strs. + calls in forward area taken over by 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus Div. personnel.  
4<sup>th</sup> Aus Pioneers carrying party returned to their unit.  
12<sup>th</sup> Bde relieved by 9<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde.  
13<sup>th</sup> Bde relieved by 10<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. Relief complete at 12.30 am. Bde HQ. moved to J32 b 2.8 with Bns. in AUBIGNY LINE. In communication by party line.



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- 13<sup>th</sup> Wilson trench set str. at Div. H.Q. Bussay relieved at 10 am  
+ reopened at Coisy 2 pm.  
H.Q. relieved by 3rd Aus Div. Office closed at Bussay 10 am,  
reopened at Coisy same hour. Communication direct to  
Corps + all Bdes.  
No. 3 Section opened office at Allonville.  
No 4 Section closed office at I 32 & 2.8 + reopened same  
hour at Rivery Hospice.  
No. 5 Section relieved by No. 5 Section 3rd Div. Sig Co. Section  
moved to Allonville.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sections in Div. Reserve Area resting.
- 15<sup>th</sup> All technical equipment overhauled.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Inspection of motor cycles.  
5A Sub-section moved to Heilly + took over from 5<sup>th</sup> Arty. Bde.  
10<sup>th</sup> + 11<sup>th</sup> A.F.A Bdes were amalgamated to form Right Group  
"C" Div. Arty.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Motor lorry took party of 6 men from each Brigade Section to  
Abbeville for 1 days leave.  
Inspection of Wireless Section. Practice in buzzer reading +  
enciphering. Experiments carried out with German amplifier.  
Signals were faint when German phones were used, but with  
our Brownes phones signals were R7
- 18<sup>th</sup> 8 men from W/T Section given leave to Abbeville.
- 19<sup>th</sup> P.E.L lorry 16311 reported to Div. Workshops to have new  
wheel fitted.
- 20<sup>th</sup> 6 men from No. 5 Section granted 1 days leave to Abbeville.
- 21<sup>st</sup> } Routine work. Training in Visual, Sports etc.  
22<sup>nd</sup> }
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Series of 4 letter code calls brought into use.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 4 NCOs + 21 ORs of 108 Bn. Field Signals U.S. Forces  
attached to the Company for experience.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Nos. 3 + 4 Sections inspected by O.B. Signal Co.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nos 2 + 5 Sections inspected by O. B. Signal Co.



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- 27th }  
28th } Routine work. Practice in buzzer reading, visual, sports etc.  
29th }
- 30th Advance party of lineamen proceeded to position of 37 French Division.
- 31st. W/T Section moved to Cognac in readiness for relief of 37 French Div.  
Lines laid to Right Bde. in new area.  
No. 3 Section closed office at Allonville, reopened at Boutilleries Chateau. Superimposed to Aust. Corps at 7.30 pm.  
No. 5 Section closed office at Allonville 1 pm, reopened at Boves 4 pm. 3 men posted to Report Centre to maintain forward lines.







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4<sup>th</sup>. Trench W/T set at Left Bde H.Q. dismantled, also 9/B+A stations at following places:- Left Bde H.Q., Left Bn. Left Bde, Right Bn Left Bde. 80 metre (new) loop set was established at Left Bn. H.Q. U4a 4.6 working direct to 13<sup>th</sup> Bde H.Q. T17 6.9.2  
80 metre (fwd) loop set was moved from Bn H.Q. at U27 a 1.5 to Bn. H.Q. at U15 central. This set also working direct to 13<sup>th</sup> Bde.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Div. W/T Section relieved Wilson set at Div. H.Q. Cognoy  
Part of W/T apparatus + men transported to Vecquemont (new Rear Div. H.Q.)  
Commenced <sup>laying</sup> ~~burying~~ 20 pair armoured twin cable in canal from Corbie to Fouilloy Chateau Test Box.  
4<sup>th</sup> Bde. Rear moved to Vaine - sur - Corbie at 11.25 am  
12<sup>th</sup> Bde. took over from 10<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde (Support H.Q.)  
5<sup>B</sup> Sub-Section moved to Fouilloy.  
4<sup>th</sup> Div. Arty H.Q. moved from Remoncourt to Corbie. Office opened 11.30 AM

CORBIE

5<sup>th</sup>. Following W/T Stations dismantled:-

80 metre (new) loop set at 13<sup>th</sup> Bde H.Q.

80 " " " " " Left Bn H.Q.

80 " (fwd) " " " Centre Bn H.Q.

80 " " " " " Right Bn H.Q.

Sets + personnel transported to Vecquemont, 13<sup>th</sup> Bde. Trench set remaining with Bde under Canadian Div.

At 4 pm all W/T instruments + personnel were transported to Div. H.Q. Corbie.

4<sup>th</sup> Ans. Div. relieved by 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Div. Office closed at Cognoy 10 am reopened Corbie same hour. Rear Div. at Daours.

Cable laying in Canal continued. Existing cable in canal to W oden Mills identified + extended by ground lines to Rear Div.

4<sup>th</sup> Bde relieved by 13<sup>th</sup> Bde. No. 2 Section closed office at 3.30 am + reopened at 9.25 a 3.5 same hour.

13<sup>th</sup> Bde attached to Canadian Corps + held whole of front recently occupied by 4<sup>th</sup> Ans. Div.

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5th  
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Two extra Report Centres established by 13th Bde — one 300 yds West of village of GENTILES + 2nd at old position of 4th Bde HQ.

No. 4 Section experienced great difficulty in maintaining lines owing to movement of Tanks + Artillery. In places hundreds of yards of cable was destroyed.

No. 5 Section left BOVES WOOD at 6 pm + opened office at Corbie 9.30 pm.

6th  
Accumulators changed on 3 KW PEL set. All W/T sets + P/B-Amps thoroughly overhauled + tested.

Completed laying cable in Canal.

1 O/R No. 3 Section killed. 2 runners attached No. 2 Section wounded.

7th  
Men with complete W/T apparatus posted to units. Carrying party 1 NCO + 8 men reported to W/T Section from 4th Aus. Pioneer Bn Wilson set established at Div H.Q. Corbie. To remain "silent" until zero plus 4 hours.

No. 2 Section closed office J25 d 3.5 at 9 pm, reopened QUARRY

P7 a 1.1 same hour

13th Bde relieved at 4 pm by Canadians + moved to BLANGY TRONVILLE

No relief took place between signals.

5B Sub Section moved to P8a 5.5.

C.R.A. established Battle HQ. in Pagoda at J24 d 5.0.

Sigs. Div. Arty. established forward exchange at P9a 5.5 8.30 pm.

8th  
W/T Stations moved forward with units from assembly positions + established as follows:-

Trench set at 1st (Res) Bde P17 C 4.6

4th (Left) Bde Q7 C 5.1

12th (Right) Bde P24 d 8.5

12th Bde Troop Party Q21 d 0.4

P/B-amp set at " " " " Q21 d 0.4

" " " " Bn HQ. Right Bde. Q29 a 6.4

80 metre (rear) loop set at 4th (Left) Bde Q7 C 5.1



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8th  
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80 metre (rear) loop set at 4th Bde Forward Station Q16a 4.6

" .. (fwd) " .. - Bn H.Q. Left Bde

After stations were established spare accumulators were taken forward to each line Bde. H.Q. as Bde. Reserve Stock.

All above stations working well, but trench sets were jammed by stations of 2nd Aus. Div. which should have been "silent" after zero plus 4 hours.

At 8 pm W/T stns moved with 4th Bde to Q16a 4.6, with 12th Bde to Q21 d 0.4 + with 1st Bde to P17c 4.6.

Communication established with Brigades by ground lines from Cable Desk.

No. 2 Section closed office at P7a 1.1 at 9.5 am + reopened Q7c 2.2 same hour, and at 8.45 pm closed at Q7c 2.2 + reopened at MORCOURT.

No. 5<sup>B</sup> Sub-Section moved to P17c 3.3 at 8 am and at 9.30 am to P24 b 8.4

1 O.R. No. 2 Section wounded.

9th

W/T station at old 12th Bde Forward Station withdrawn. PB amp station complete sent to 12th Bde. H.Q. Q21 d 0.4 to be held in reserve.

1st A.1. Bde returned to 1st Aus. Div.

10th A.1. Bde (now attached to this Bde Div. as Reserve Bde) came into position on evening of 8th without its Trench W/T set + personnel.

W/T communication not established until today.

Moved spare W/T gear, changing set + reserve accumulators from Vacquemont to Div H.Q. Corbie.

Captured enemy Wireless instruments + accumulators collected + labelled for the Aust. War Museum.

Extended 12th Bde line from P24 b 8.5 to Q21 d 5.3.

13th Bde left Blangy Trouville at 10 am + marched to position in Dunker Hook at P2c. The Brigade remained in this position until 5.30 pm + then marched to SPUR FORK (Q7c 3.3) to relieve 1st A.1. Bde.

Relief complete at 11 pm. Div Arty forward exchange moved to Q7c 2.3.

1 O/R No. 2 Section wounded.



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10<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde returned to 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus. Div. + their W/T station was no longer controlled by this Div.

3<sup>rd</sup> Aus. Div. relieved 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div on South Bank of Somme at night + the following alterations were made in W/T dispositions:-

Trench set at 4<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ Q16 a 4.6 dismantled + re-erected at new 4<sup>th</sup> Bde (Reserve) position at Saily-le-See. 80 metre (rear) loop set at Q16 a 4.6 dismantled. 80 metre (fwd.) loop set at 16<sup>th</sup> Bn dismantled. 3 - 80 metre loop sets with 4<sup>th</sup> Bde moved with them to new Bde position at Saily-le-See. Trench W/T set at 12<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ Q21 d 0.4 dismantled + re-erected at new Reserve position at J28 a 8.4. P/B amp sets at Q21 d 0.4 + 48<sup>th</sup> Bn dismantled + with spare P/B amp set at 12<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ. moved to new 12<sup>th</sup> Bde Reserve position.

Established Trench set at 131 U.S. Regt (now under 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div.)

13<sup>th</sup> Bde W/T Trench set moved from P17 c 4.6 to Chippilly on North bank of Somme.

Adv. Div. Exchange established at Q7 c 4.3.

5<sup>th</sup> pair route built by 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus. Div. extended to Adv. Div. Exchange.

2 lines laid from Adv. Div. Exchange to Chippilly - 1 for 13<sup>th</sup> Bde + the 2<sup>nd</sup> for 10<sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde. Line laid from Adv. Div. Exchange to 137 U.S. Regt.

12<sup>th</sup> Bde relieved by 9<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde + moved to Saily-le-See.

13<sup>th</sup> Bde moved at 9 pm to cellars + dugouts near Church in Chippilly + report centre was established at K28 d 7.5 at 9.10 pm for operation which took place at 9.30 pm. During this action extreme difficulty was experienced in maintaining the forward lines. Linesmen were working on these lines unnecessarily, but communication would only be possible for a few minutes at a time, owing to heavy shelling + bombing in the vicinity of Report Centre + Bns.

5<sup>A</sup> Sub-Section moved to J34 c 3.4

5<sup>B</sup> " " " " Chippilly

Sigs. Div. Arty established forward exchange at Q7 c 2.3.



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- 11<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Bde W/T Trench set dismantled + moved into HQ.  
No. 2 Section closed office at MORCOURT at 1.10 am + reopened Sully-le-sec. same hour.  
13<sup>th</sup> Bde. moved to K28 d 7.5 at 10 am + Report Centre was established on outskirts of GRESSAIRE WOOD. The old position in Shippey then became Res. Bde HQ.  
No. 5 Section closed office at Corbie town + moved to Sully-le-sec, opening office there at 2.30 pm.
- 12<sup>th</sup> W/T station at 131 U.S. Regt relieved + returned to Div. HQ.  
4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. was in support.  
Line from 4<sup>th</sup> Bde to Div. HQ dis. Traffic via Wireless.  
Div. Arty. forward exchange at Q7C 2.3 withdrawn.
- 13<sup>th</sup> PB-amps + new from 12<sup>th</sup> Bde + Loop sets + new from 4<sup>th</sup> Bde transported to new Div. HQ. Villers Bretonneux.  
Liaison Force HQ. Wilson W/T set now controlling its own group.  
4<sup>th</sup> Bde W/T Trench set dismantled at Sully-le-sec. + re-erected in 1<sup>st</sup> Aus. Div. area. at W16 d 9.2. 12<sup>th</sup> Bde W/T Trench set dismantled at J28 d 8.4 + re-erected at W16 d 9.2.  
Adv. Div. Exchange established at W18C 8.8.  
No. 2 Section closed office at Sully-le-sec 5 pm + reopened same hour at W16 d 8.2.  
12<sup>th</sup> Bde HQ moved to dugouts near Rozieres. Line laid to 1<sup>st</sup> Aus. Div. Advd. Exchange.  
13<sup>th</sup> Bde attached to Army Liaison Force.  
No. 5 Section closed office Sully-le-sec at 1.30 pm, reopened at Harbonnières 6 pm.  
No. 5A. Sub-Section moved to Rozieres via Sully.  
" 5B " " " " Rozieres.  
Div Arty. closed office in Corbie at 11 am + reopened at Guillencourt.  
1 OR B.A. Sigs. killed.



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14<sup>th</sup> Wilson set at Div. H.Q. Corlia dismantled + re-erected at Villers Bretonneux. Set only "listening", as 1<sup>st</sup> Div. Wilson set is controlling work of 4<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup> Bdes while in 1<sup>st</sup> Div area. Accumulators being charged at Villers Bretonneux on A.B.C. set 12<sup>th</sup> Bde relieved 1<sup>st</sup> A.I. Bde in line. 5<sup>B</sup> Sub-section moved to the outskirts of Rosieres, owing to heavy hostile shelling in the village.

VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

15<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Div. relieved 1<sup>st</sup> Aus. Div at Villers Bretonneux. Existing communications of 1<sup>st</sup> Aus. Div. taken over. Line laid to Guillaucourt.

No. 2 Section closed office at W16 d 8.2. 3.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> Bde Report Centre established at X22 b 9.9 + Lincmans post at X20 b 2.2.

Div. Arty closed office at Guillaucourt 2pm + reopened at W24 b 5.5 same hour.

16<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup> Bdes W/T stations now controlled by our sets at Div. H.Q. Signals good over distance of 15000 yds.

1 Trench set + 1 fwd. + new loop set taken to 132 U.S. Regt.

2 PB-amp sets sent to 12<sup>th</sup> Bde, + 3 loop sets (2 new + 1 fwd) to 4<sup>th</sup> Bde.

1 Trench set + new loop set installed at 4<sup>th</sup> Bde Report Centre +

1 new loop set at the Bn. position.

2 OK Div. arty. sigs wounded.

17<sup>th</sup> Replaced defective Trench W/T set at 4<sup>th</sup> Bde. Report Centre.

1 OK No. 4 Section killed + 1 OK wounded.

18<sup>th</sup> 1 Cimmer attached to No. 2 Section wounded.

13<sup>th</sup> Bde. relieved by 9<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde at 10 pm + moved to Sailly-le-sec

19<sup>th</sup> Loop set withdrawn from 132 U.S. Regt. Trench sets at 4<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup> Bdes Report Centres used as forward station for 13<sup>th</sup> Bde. 13<sup>th</sup> Bde erecting at position vacated by 132 U.S. Regt.

13<sup>th</sup> Bde. left Sailly-le-sec at 5.30 pm, coming to be under the command of the ARMY LIAISON FORCE, and on arrival at new position W18 d 8.4 come under 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. (Reserve Bde.)



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- 20<sup>th</sup> 2 pair ground lines run to 32<sup>nd</sup> Div at Bryonvillers.  
5<sup>B</sup> Sub-Section moved to W24 a g.g with forward exchange at Rosieres.
- 21<sup>st</sup> 1 OR No. 2 Section wounded.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Cable Salvage.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Withdrew unserviceable Trench set + amplifier from 12<sup>th</sup> Bde.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Bde. relieved by French. No. 3 Section moved to Longpre.  
No. 5 Section closed office at Hurbouinieres 11 pm + moved by motor busses to Longean.
- 25<sup>th</sup> all W/T apparatus + personnel in forward area transported to Div. H.Q.  
No. 2 Section closed office at W24 b 8.5 at 4.30 am, reopened some hours at Courcy.  
13<sup>th</sup> Bde embussed for livery at 3 am. Office opened at 6 am  
No 5 Section opened office at Longean 9 am.  
5<sup>A</sup> Sub-Section moved to Fonilloy  
5<sup>B</sup> " " " " Villers Bretonneux  
Sigs Div. Arty. closed office at W24 b 5.5 at 10 am. + reopened Canon same hour.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Adv. Div. party wiring office at Bussey  
2 pair ground lines from Villers Bretonneux to Bryonvillers recovered.  
5<sup>A</sup> + 5<sup>B</sup> Sub-Sections moved to Canon.
- Bussey  
27<sup>th</sup> Removed all W/T apparatus + personnel to Bussey.  
4<sup>th</sup> Div. office closed at Villers Bretonneux 10 am + reopened at Bussey some hours. Communication to Bdes. + Div. Arty. supplied by Corps.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Considerable difficulty in getting spare stores for A.B.C. charging set.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Extended existing line from Longpre to Poulanville to livery.



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30<sup>th</sup> 65 metre loop set returned to Corps W/T as this type is considered unsuitable.

12<sup>th</sup> Bde H.Q. moved to ARGOEUVES. No. 3 section extended Div. line to new H.Q.

Div. Engrs. Sports. (Aquatic + Athletic events)

31<sup>st</sup> Div. Engrs. Sports. (Athletic + Mounted events)

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Div situated Bussy-le-dours in rest.  
 Pussy-le-Dours. MT section carrying out training daily, in wireless also power buzzer personnel being trained in MT work. D.A.H.Q. 5A, and 5B sections in rest billets at Camon, these sections are carrying out training in C.W. wireless, buzzer and procedure No 2 section at Coisy No 3 section at Argouves No 4 at Rivery No 5 at Longeau, these sections are carrying out training in visual and buzzer work in the mornings the afternoons being devoted to sports and swimming routine work by all sections
- 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 3<sup>rd</sup> all sections attached to Div arty were inspected by G.O.C. 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div. The G.O.C. expressed his satisfaction at the turn out of the men, horses, and vehicles.
- 4<sup>th</sup>  
 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> routine work by all sections
- 6<sup>th</sup> MT section. Lecture by senior NCO's on value of wireless for intelligence purposes and instruction in Boche methods and wireless procedure. D.A.H.Q. detachment recovering all lines run out to sections preparatory for moving early tomorrow. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. V. Field transferred to No 2 section as second Bde lg officer. No 3 section transport moved with Bde transport to the vicinity of Perome.
- No 4 sect. embussed at Rivery for Biaches, had all Bns in comm. by phone same night.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Hbercourt  
 Hqs and No 1 section moved to Hbercourt. Div lg office closed Bussy at 10 am reopened Hbercourt same day. D.A. lg office closed Camon 10<sup>am</sup> reopened at N23 at 9.0 (sheet 62C) at 11 am. At 12 noon they again moved to N15 at 8.0. Comm. to Div was arranged through Aust Corps Heavy Art. Comm. to sub sections was by both D.R.
- 5A and 5B moved from Camon to Proyart.
- No 3 sect closed at Argouves at 9.30 am and embussed for O8 & 8.7. (sheet 62C) arriving there and opening office at 3 pm



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7<sup>th</sup>

No 5 Section moved from Longeau by bus to Barleux arriving there at 3pm and opening office at same hour.

Communication to all Inf Bdes and Div arty established by telephone to Div Hq on arrival of each unit at its new position.

8<sup>th</sup>

A.B.C. charging set handed over to DA sig sect for use in charging C.W. accumulators to be used in forthcoming operations, one WPT sect mechanic sent with the set to run it.

DA section and <sup>two</sup> 2 sect sections 5A and 5B. moved to Reuillers.

No 2 sect closed Coisy and reopened Beaches at 5.30p with comm to Div by superimposed circuit. Comm to 2 Bns by Phone and by runner to remaining two Bns

No 3 section bombed during night by enemy aircraft 3 O.R. slightly wounded and evacuated. 2 files killed and 1 wounded, 1 horse missing.

No 4 sect left Beaches for Catelet arriving there 4pm in touch with Div thro 15<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde.

Following wireless stns erected for use only in emergency.

Wilson sct at DHQ Herbécourt

Trench sct at 4<sup>th</sup> A.Bde Hq I 24 a 44. sheet 625.

" " " 12<sup>th</sup> " " O 8 d 8.7. " "

" " " 13<sup>th</sup> " " P 8 b 2.5. " "

9<sup>th</sup>

Wireless stns at 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Bde Hqs moved to P 8 b 2.5 and P 20. d. 2.4

Advance office Party from Div sig office and No 1 section moved to Catelet, getting communs ready for opening of Div sig office at Catelet on following day.

DA sig sect moved to Cartigny and opened office at 11am moved again at 1pm to Hamcourt opening there at 2pm Comm to Bdes and D.A.C. by O.R.

No 3 sect closed 2pm at O 8. d 8.7 and reopened same hour at P 8. b. 2.5.



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9th No 4 section left Catelet and established at P20d24  
Cont'd at 4pm relieving 14th A.S. Bde signal section. 11th

10th Wireless section moved to P8b25. Wilson set  
~~Catelet~~ dismantled at Herbecourt and established at  
P8b25. Trench set with 12th A.S. Bde moved from  
P8b25 to P20d26. Trench set with 15th A.S. Bde  
moved from P20d26 to Q15c48 relieving 8th  
A.S. Bde Trench set.

No 1 section employed putting 8 pps through on  
existing German 24 pr permanent route from  
Catelet to Harcourt, also running 2 pps  
ground from Catelet to Harcourt and one  
pair ground cable from Harcourt to Q20b7  
preparatory to relief of 8th A.S. Bde. by 15th A.S. Bde.

R.A.S. section moved from Harcourt to  
Catelet, opening office 2pm preparatory to  
relieving 5th Aust Div Art Signal section.

No 2 section closed at Riches 1pm reopened  
Cartigny at 4.30pm.

No 3 section closed Catelet 4pm reopened same  
hour at P20d26.

No 4 section left P20d26 opened at Q14a Catelet  
at 11pm relieved 8th A.S. Bde in line. Working  
through report centre (forward exchange) at  
Flechin, by telephone to all Battalions.

No 5 section closed Barloux 12.50pm reopened at Catelet  
4.30pm. 12

11th Div sig office closed Herbecourt 10am reopened at  
Catelet Catelet same hour.

Wilson set at P8b25 assumed control of  
the 3 Bde Wns and opened up communication  
with Aust Corps and Tank Divs.

Commenced charging accumulators from P.E.L.  
set at P8b25. 12th A.S. Bde Trench set moved from  
P20d26 to P17d80.



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11<sup>th</sup> Cont'd

No 1 sectn established communication with 12<sup>th</sup> Bde at Bouvincourt, continuing work on permanent German route. Established commin with both Flank Div's.

R.A.H.Q. Sectn ran lines to 9<sup>th</sup> R.G.A. Bde at P23a98.

All linemen of this sectn assisting No 1 to put through pairs on old German route from Catetot to Hancourt. At 10pm this section took over all Army commins in Div's sector. Responsible for commins to the following groups

5 R.G.A. Bde, at Q14d 7.3, 298 R.F. Bde at Q26d 2.2  
10 A.F. Bde at Q20a 1.9, 11<sup>th</sup> A.F. Bde at Q1a86

A forward exchange was established at Q14d 5.0, and all above groups brought into commin through this exchange. Commin

also established to 4<sup>th</sup> Aus D.A.C. at Q14c 7.0 and 4 Aus <sup>Heavy</sup> T.M. Bty at Q3c 4.8. Prior to taking over no communication existed to above units, therefore all new lines were laid.

C.W. wpt stns established at field exchange and Div. Art. H.Q. Signals Rq both ways.

5a Sectn moved to Q20a 1.9. 5b Sectn

5b Sectn " to Q1a 8.6 relieving 14 a.7. at 3pm.

No 2 Sectn moved from P20d 2.6 to Bouvincourt

No 4 " " " Q14a central to Flechin.

12<sup>th</sup>

13<sup>th</sup> Bde <sup>W/F</sup> French set moved from Q15c 4.8 to Q17d 9.6

P. Buzzer personnel No 1 to solve cable.

No 1 sectn continued work on German permanent route

R.A.H.Q. Sectn put through 1 pair on German permanent route from Catetot to Hancourt.

C.W. Wave length changed by Aust Corps to 940 metres at Midnight.

5c Sectn moved to Q17d 4.4 at midnight. Commin







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15<sup>th</sup>  
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at Q6a1.6. 4 pairs laid from Q6a1.6 to two  
diff Bde H.Q. positions for forthcoming operations, at  
R2C3.1.

R.A.H.Q. Sectrs preparing Communis for prospective  
attack on Hindenburg line.

Sa Sectr at Vraignes with Pkys in position on  
right of Soyecourt. Commun. to all Pkys by telephone.

No2 Sectr salving cable as reserve for forthcoming  
operations.

No5 Sectr established relay system for runners to  
all companies.

16<sup>th</sup>

French wkb set with 4 Bde moved from P23a9.9  
to R2C3.1. French set with 12 Bde moved from  
Q15C3.6 to R2C3.1. Both the above sets are to  
remain silent until zero hour (unless urgently  
required).

No1 Sectr establishing a fixed Div'l  
exchange at Q6a1.6.

R.A.H.Q. Sectrs wiring new office at Q6a1.6 prepar-  
atory to forthcoming operations, also running  
lines from this position to all Bdes. Cable detached  
from S'Ans. D.A. reported for duty and was also  
employed on this work. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> a.7. a Bdes and

S'Ans D.A.C. came under command of C.R.A. 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ans Div, and commun established to them.

S'Ans Sectr moved from Vraignes to sunken road  
between Flechin & Soyecourt. Pkys remaining  
in original positions.

No2 Sectr moved from Benvincourt at 8pm  
reopened at R2C3.1 same hour. In Commun  
with all Pkys by telephone.

No3 Sectr closed at Benvincourt 9pm reopened at R2C3.1  
same hour. All Pkys in communication by telephone.

17<sup>th</sup>

Fixed Div Exchange established at Q6a1.6 with  
lines through direct to each Bde and Div Hqy at  
Q6a1.6.



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17<sup>th</sup> In addition all Bdes have a direct line to Div Sig Office  
Contd by alternative route. Pairs through advanced exchange  
making 2 pairs to each Inf Bde and Div Arty.  
Lineman's test exchange established at Tancourt,  
from which line was laid to Div'l P.O.W. Cage  
and Adv Div'l Dressing Str, so establishing  
comm'n through this exchange to Div H.Q.

5 Loop set crews and crews transported to Bde  
H.Q.s at R2C3.1. One 80 metre rear loop set  
installed at R2C3.1. The other 4 sets standing  
by until zero hour.

A.P.C. forward charging set installed at  
4 Div Arty H.Q. Q6a1.6 for charging accumulators  
for both Inf and Arty w/p str during operations.  
No 1 Sectn poled cable from fwd Div exchange to  
Bde H.Q. at R2C3.1

R.A.H.Q. Sectn closed Catelet 10.30 am, and reopened  
Q6a1.6 same hour. Lateral line run to 18<sup>th</sup> Ans DA  
report centre at K32a2.8. No comm'n to Right  
Div Arty (18<sup>th</sup> Imperial Div) as they could not lay and  
maintain a line. 5<sup>th</sup> Ans D.A.C. at K21d6.0 was  
connected to 4 D.A.C. at Q20a1.9. Line to 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ans Div superimposed.

5<sup>a</sup> Sectn moved to R2C3.1

5<sup>b</sup> " preparing new office at R8C1.8 to which  
position the section moved during the night. Fresh  
Comm'n were run to all Btys.

No 2 Sectn established Comm'n to left (3<sup>rd</sup> F.I.) Bde  
Forward party for operations for 18<sup>th</sup> consisting  
of 1 Officer and 24 O.R.s, organised and established  
at ~~R2C3.1~~ communications to cable head

7 No 3 Sectn making preparations for offensive  
on 18<sup>th</sup>. Cable & supplies dumped at Cable Head.  
2 pairs ground cable laid from Bde H.Q. to Cable Head.  
Bde. Fwd party organised and established at







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in vicinity of R 4 a. Owing to the length of the lines, huiemen were stationed at Otryp, working back towards Bde.

No 2 Sector Bde Fwd party were at R 2 c 3.2.

Relay post at R 2 a 8.2. At 7.15 am left message reporting Bde Fwd party established at R 24 b 4.8 was recd at Bde H.Q. At 7.20 am telephone comm to Bde Fwd Str was established. All Pns in teleph-  
-onic comm with Bde Fwd Str. Loop sets with exploiting On in comm with Bde Fwd Str. 1 O.R. wounded.

No 3 Sector Bde Fwd party of 20 officers and 25 O.R. moved forward from Cable Head behind Infantry and established Bde Fwd Str at R 24 b 4.8 at 7.15 am, establishing telephonic comm with Bde same hour. Pns all in telephonic comm with Bde Fwd Str. Loop set working R 9 from Bde Fwd Str to Bde. Loop set with exploiting On working R 9 to Bde Fwd Str. 11 pm comm established to On which captured Hindenburg Outpost line.

19th

Accumulators and small stores taken to all left stations.

No 1. piling all ground cables forward of Divl Fwd exchange. This being necessary on account of traffic over the ground lines.

R.A.H.Q. laid line to R 4 a 0.8 preparatory to forward move of 11 a.7. R Bde.

No 2 & 3 sectors improving existing comm.

No 4 sector. Pns moved to approximate old positions & comm to them established through old report centre.

No 5 Sector established comm to 1 Coy at Le Verguier.

20th

No 1 sector finished piling cable from adv Div Exchange to all Bdes. Reeled up 2 pns of







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Adv Div office staff and line men sent to Cuillon to establish commins in Div rest area.  
No 1 Sectn left Cateteb en route for Cuillon bivouacking one night at Margy Trouville.  
R.A.H.Q. Section handed over to 46 Div art at 8am but remained at existing position with commin by 2 pms to 46 Div.

No 2 Sectn closed at Marguairx and moved to Beches reopening office at noon.

No 3 Sectn closed 9 15 c 9 15 am reopening at Herbecourt at noon.

No 5 Sectn moved from Cateteb to Flancourt reopening office at 1 pm.

24<sup>th</sup> Div sig office closed Cateteb 1 pm reopened at Cuillon at same hour.

R.A.H.Q. Sectn moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Corps area. Inspecting lines of 18 & 74 Div arty with a view to taking them over on 25<sup>th</sup>. Equipment and personnel sent to take over 74 Div art exchange at F25C32 and 18<sup>th</sup> Div art exchange at E18C96. CW. Sets established at both these positions.

5a Sectn moved to St Emile and took over Group HQ consisting of 112 R.F.A. Bde and 1127 a Bde as sub Groups. Liaison line established to 106 U.S.A. Inf Regt.

5b Sectn sent advance party to reconnoitre lines of 82 R.F.A. Bde at F2665.5. Sectn moved to this position at 10 pm and established Commin to all Btys.

No 2 Sectn closed at Beches 7 am reopening at Picquigny 5 pm.

No 3 Sectn closed at Herbecourt at 7 am reopening at Pissy 4 pm.

No 5 Sectn closed at Flancourt 6 30 am ambused at Herbecourt 9 30 am. Arrived Pissy 3 pm and opened office.



Lt Burns and 3 Bde section Sgts reported to H.Q. Aust Mission (Corps Rft Camp) for duty with 27th U.S. Div (Astronomy)

24th No 4 Sect. closed at Herbecourt 7 am. reopening at Bouvelles at 5 pm.

25th Wpt section overhauling and repairing instruments. Men bathed. commenced daily route marches and refresher course in Wireless procedure. No 1 Sectr tracing out and repairing routes leading to Bdes. Commn established to all Bdes by telephone.

R.A.H.Q. Sectr relieved 74 Div art at J11c 4.1 and Sheet 18th Div art at Lieumont. D.A. HQ at J11c 4.1.

62<sup>nd</sup> NE with 27 U.S. Div. Office closed Qba 1.6 at 9 am reopened J11c 4.1 at 10 am. Owing to difficulty

in maintaining long gas lines to Bdes, a considerable amount of traffic was disposed of by C.W. Wpt. Exchange at F25C 2.2 was cut out.

2 pairs were put through on old British buried route from E18C 9.6 to E17C 1.3 and 2 pairs were laid to Villers Fancon. 2 were joined thro to D.A. lines, thus giving direct commn to exchange at E18C 9.6 and ~~another~~ <sup>the</sup> other pair giving service to the Sunn Res Park at Villers Fancon. Orders rec'd for attack on Hindenburg line.

All sections in rest area overhauling and repairing equipment.

26th Lt's O'Brien and Pennel, <sup>and 6 motor DR's</sup> reported for Astronomy duty to 27th U.S. Div Signals for forthcoming operations.

R.A.H.Q. Sectr. - Cable detachts and DR's. from 58th and 25th Div Artys reported for duty as these Div Artys now under command of 4th Div Art.

Commn by phone established to C.H.A. in J12d 8.2 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust A. 7. A Bde line brought on to field exchange at E24 6 3.8. C.W. wave length changed to 845 metres at midnight.

5<sup>th</sup> Sectr established field exchange at F24 6 7.



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26<sup>th</sup> No 5 Sectn closed office busy 1 pm reopened Le  
Contd Messg 3 pm

27<sup>th</sup> No 1 Sectn established telephone commin to QRF  
(through 13 Bde) and 4 M.G. Co.

R.A.H.Q. Sectn laid line from Field exchange to 80th RFA  
Bde at E 12 a 5.5. Line run to C.H.A. Adv exchange  
at E 22 a 9.4. New position selected for HQ. at E 22 a 9.6  
Nos 2, 3 & 4 Sectns now in telephone commin to all  
Pts in rest area.

No 5 Sectn in telephone commin to all Coys of M.G.  
Co.

28<sup>th</sup> R.A.H.Q. Sectn ran 4 pro poled cable from field  
exchange at E 18 c 9.6 to new HQ at E 12 c 9.6. Signal  
instructions for attack on 29<sup>th</sup> issued. HQ. closes at  
J 11 c 4.1 at 10.30 am reopened at same hour at E 22 a 9.6

One pr put through on old bury to 10 A 7 a Bde  
at F 14 b 9.6. Telephone commin established to  
290 R.F.A. Bde at F 21 a 9.7. Lines through to 104 R.F.A.  
Bde at F 28 a 8.8

8 a Sectn moved to F 14 b 9.6 & established commin  
to Pkys on N.E. side of Roseroy.

5 b Sectn established field exchange at F 21 b 9.4  
Commin established to this exchange for all Pkys. in  
vicinity of F 16 b and F 16 d.

C.W. WFT str erected and working well to 80th HQ.  
Nos 2, 3, 4 & 5<sup>24th</sup> Sectns holding inspections of equipment  
etc

29<sup>th</sup> R.A.H.Q. Sectn established field exchange at 10 a. 7. a Bde.  
for attack which commenced this morning.

Throughout the day all lines and other commin was  
well maintained. C.W. WFT strs, although in  
exposed positions worked splendidly. C.R.A. expressed  
great satisfaction with communications and also  
mentioned same in his report on operations.

5 b Sectn closed at F 16 b 5.8 at 7 am & moved field  
to new position in captured territory.







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General Elaborate arrangements were made for commin, remarks including duplicate lines, Wireless, (Spark with Contd. Infantry and Continuous Wave with Artillery) D.K.s and mounted orderlies, runners, & Visual. No pigeons were available on account of the great distance from the line to the lofts.

Throughout the operations the communications were maintained in their entirety, the service given, being faster and as accurate as civil post office service. Owing to the accurate Artillery fire no great trouble was experienced in maintaining ground lines except in the left Bde sector, where difficulty was experienced for a couple of hours after Zero. Wireless loop sets had a splendid opportunity in this sector, and handled a good deal of urgent traffic expeditiously and accurately. All Wireless stations maintained communication throughout, the Wilson set at D.K. doing good service to Corps and left Divs, when lines were broken by balloons and wheel traffic. The Poling of cables to Div art and Inf Bdes, <sup>was</sup> amply justified on account of heavy gun and tank traffic & not a single interruption occurred. <sup>There was</sup> Very little opportunity for working visual in the early part of the day on account of mist and smoke from our own barrage, but visual communication was nevertheless opened up later in the day.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> the Div was relieved by 46 Div which made its H.Q. at Bainscourt. All Comms were handed over in the forward area.

On ~~22<sup>nd</sup>~~ <sup>23<sup>rd</sup></sup> the Div commenced to embark to the rest area, with Div H.Q. at Cavillon and Bdes at Piquigny, Pissy, and Rouelles. Div Artys sideslipped <sup>to the left</sup> to cover 27<sup>th</sup> American Divn, taking



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General over the comms of 18th & 74th Div Artys. These remarks were supplemented by new lines and C.W. w/T Cords. in preparation for the attack of the 27th American Div on the Hindenburg line on 29th.

During this attack all comms of 4 Div Art were successfully maintained, despite difficulties encountered, such as shell fire, tank and gun traffic. An old British buried cable was recovered and made good & served as comms part of the way to Art Groups. Ground lines and C.W. w/T completed the chain.

On 30th 4th Div Art handed over all except 2 Bdes to 3rd Div Art.

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Caillon Div H.Q. situated at Caillon.

18 Oct No 2 Sectn (4 A Bde) at Piquigny

To No 3 " (12 " " " " Pissy

20 Oct No 4 " (13 " " " " Bouelles

No 5 " (4 M Bde) Le Merges.

H.Q., No 1, W/T, No 2, 2, 4 & 5 sections carrying on with training in morning as per attached syllabuses, and organised games and sports in the afternoons

18 R.A.H.Q. Detachment & Nos 5 & 6 sections still attached

They moved to 27th U.S. Div.

62 b R.A.H.Q. Detachment handed over communications of Right Group to 5th Aus Div at 10am. Same hour and left group passed from command of CRA 2 D.A.

57 b to CRA 4th D.A. This group comprised of the following Art Bdes & from this hour ceased to be left group. 5th Aus 7.A Bde (Group H.Q. V10 b 2.3) 4 a 7 a Bde (Subgroup V10 b 3.0)

11th Rt group comprised 14 a 7. A Bde (Group H.Q. V10 d 3.5) 7 a 7. A Bde (Subgroup V9 b 7.5) Res Bde 12 a 7. A Bde (V29 b 3.5) 2nd Aus D.A. Food Exchange at V10 d 2.8 was relieved by R.A.H.Q. Detachment. Lines on Food Exchge were as follows. 2 lines to 4 D.A. 1 line to each of the following units 14 a 7 A Bde 7th 5th 4th A 7 A Bdes, 41st R.F.A. Bde, 108 U.S. Inf Regt, 2nd U.S. C.H. Arty. 12 a 7 a Bde moved to V10 a 1.2 & line was laid to this point. Line laid to V4 d 9.9 which was fwd H.Q. of this Bde

18th R.A.H.Q. Detachment Following Bdes in line 10 & 11 a 7 a Bde, 108 Army Bde R.F.A., S. 30 pm 10 & 11 a 7 a Bdes Except passed to control of 5th Aus D.A. & 108 R.F.A. Bde to 2nd Aus D.A. Attached Able detachments of 58th and 25th Divn Arty were sent to report to OC Signals 3rd Aus D.A.



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1st.

5B. Sub Section.

Ronsay

Batteries in the vicinity of F17c and d.

Lines laid to all Batteries, also line run to 53rd American Brigade for liaison purposes.

2nd

R.A. HQ Detmt.

one motor D.R. and cable detachments were detailed to assist 5th Aust. Division

5B. Sub Section

Section moved to Bellicourt, lines laid to Batteries in the vicinity of A28C, also line laid to 10th A.F.A. Bde

3rd

R.A. HQ Detmt.

10th and 11th A.F.A. Brigade passed to control of 2nd Aust. D.A.

5A Sub. Section.

Headqrs on outskirts of Bellicourt. In communication by telephone with all Batteries and 5th Aust. D.A.

4th

R.A. HQ Detmt.

Cable Detmt and DR returned from 5th Aust Div. Continental time taken into operation.

5A Sub Section.

Moved to Joncourt. Batteries moved to the vicinity of Swiss cottage. Communication by telephone established to all Batteries.

5B. Sub. Section.

Moved to Whistle Copse at H21 a.g. 2.

one pair of lines established to each Battery and one pair to 10th A.F.A. at Joncourt.

5th

R.A. HQ Detmt.

Summer time reverts to winter time.

5A Sub Section.

Very heavy enemy shellfire experienced between 8 and 10 pm which made maintenance of lines very difficult, but communication was maintained throughout.



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6<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ. Detmt.

Inspected 2<sup>nd</sup> DA. communications in view of taking over right group Headqrs. 5B Sub Section.

Batteries moved from H176 to H11d pair of lines laid to each Battery.

7<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ. Detmt.

Sheet. Closed E 27 C 9.6 at 0800 reopened 1200 at G 27 b 2.8  
57C Sheet 62B. Line from 2<sup>nd</sup> DA Advanced exchange to 6<sup>th</sup> Austr Army Brigade was cut and both ends brought into this office. Two pairs were immediately run to 10<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde at H15c 4.2, 62B and 13 AFA Bde at H9 C 5.3. The 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Brigades were also connected laterally.

Communication by phone was established with 11<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde at H 21 cent 14 AFA Bde at H 16 a 5.0 6<sup>th</sup> Austr Army Bde H 15 a 7.6.

Cable detmt from 5<sup>th</sup> DA reported for duty. C.W. W/T station sets were erected at DA HQ. 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Bde all working satisfactorily at 9 P.M. Owing to a general attack on the 8<sup>th</sup> preparation for Commstr was very hurried. Telephonists, linemen and equipment were sent to 6<sup>th</sup> Austr Army Bde to open up a forward exchange in that position the following day.

5A. Sub Section

Batteries moved forward to waincourt existing lines extended to new battery positions. Visual also established between HQ. and Batteries.

8<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ Detmt.

At 0500 forward exchange was established at 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde HQ with lines to 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> B and 14<sup>th</sup> AFA Brigades. A report centre also being estab. at the forward exchange H 15 a 7.6.



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8th.

Attack commenced at 0510. At 0600 two cable Detmnts were sent to forward report centre to await developments. At 0800 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde moved to H5 d 2.2 one of their existing battery lines was extended to this position and communication thereby established between this Bde and forward exchange. Two pairs were laid from forward exchange to Ramicourt. Report centre opened at Ramicourt at 1045, location H11 b 7.4 all Brigades notified. Two linemen were stationed at Juncourt. At 1045 6<sup>th</sup> Army Brigade moved to B30 d 1.5, a line was laid from report centre at Ramicourt to this position. A line was laid from forward exchange to 108<sup>th</sup> U.S. Regt in Ramicourt. At 1100 remaining Brigades <sup>moved to</sup> cover the final exploitation line. ~~10<sup>th</sup> Bde~~ Forward exchange moved to Ramicourt. Line was laid from forward exchange to 10 a 4A Bde at I1 d 3.6. Line was laid from 13 a 4A Bde at Vincourt to forward exchange. At 1800 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> AAA Brigades passed to Divnl reserve, at this hour line was laid to 11<sup>th</sup> a 4A Bde at H6 b 8.2. Throughout the day CW W/T moved with their Bdes and worked satisfactorily. The aerial at 6<sup>th</sup> Army (Army) Bde was several times cut by shellfire but was quickly mended each time.

5A Sub section

During attack Bde Agros moved to Mont. Brechain with batteries on the outskirts of this village and in the vicinity of Brancourt, one pair of lines laid to each battery and continuous communication maintained throughout operations.



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5B Sub Section.

Moved during the afternoon to Mont Brehan Batteries took up position in C26d one pair was laid to each battery, also one pair to the 10th AFA Bde.

9th

RA HQ Detmt.

The attack was continued and operation orders were issued at short notice over the wires. The operation commenced at 0530. An exchange was pushed forward to 11th AFA Bde HQ at H26 b82 at 0600. From this point direct line to 10th AFA Bde was taken over and line laid to 6th Aus Army Bde. Forward report Centre was then moved to H26 b82 and exchange at H11 b74 was cut out. Line to 6th Aus Army Bde on this point was put direct to new forward exchange at H6 b82. Lines at old forward exchange were bridged through as follows: two pairs to DA were joined to ~~D~~ pairs running to new forward exchange thus providing two direct lines from DA to new forward exchange. Line from 10th AFA to old forward exchange was reeled in. The 11th AFA Bde to the place of the 6th Aust Army Bde in advancing and closely supporting the advance of the US infantry. The CW W/T set with 6th Aust Army Bde was sent to the 11th AFA Bde. At 1400 all Bdes were ordered to advance and cover a north and south line running through eastern outskirts of Busigny, when the order to advance was received it was decided to form new forward exchange in the NW corner of Premont. Mounted orderlies moved with Brigades to their new positions then came back and reported each Bde's location to forward



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exchange at Fremont. A Battery line from 11th Bde to H23d7.6 was taken over and extended to Fremont. It was not possible to lay any more pairs from DA to forward exchange as no further supplies were in sight and there had been no time to reel in cable already run out. ~~to~~ Forward exchange at H6b8.2 was cut out and all Bdis notified. Forward exchange at Fremont C57b5.0 was established at 1600 with direct communication to DA. Two linemen were stationed at H6b8.2 for maintenance between forward exchange and DA. Lines were then run from new forward exchange to 10a44 Bde at U28d7.0 and 11th Bde at U29c4.0 sheet 57B these lines were working at 1630. Communication to 6th Aus Army Bde was arranged via 43rd Battery for the night. CW W/T signals to DA from Brigades at this position were not satisfactory R3 signals only being obtained, distance 14500 yards with 10ft aerial at each end. Owing to the long maintenance between forward exchange and DA a motor DR was kept at forward exchange. 20 miles of cable was being maintained by nightfall. Batmen and telephonists were being maintained on this maintenance, the whole personnel of the section worked continuously from the morning of the 8th until the evening of the 11th without ceasing.

5A Sub Section

Moved to Fremont communication to Batteries was established by telephone.



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9th 5B Sub section

Moved to Premont with Batteries in the vicinity of C 12 b. Owing to scarcity of cable one pair only was laid making a party line of all Batteries.

10th R.A. HQ Detmt

Attack continued at 0530. Direct line was laid from forward exchange to 6 Aus Army Bde at C 6 d 7.4 this line exhausted all available cable. All Brigades moved from Premont at 1100. To provide communication it was decided to establish a report centre at the 10th AFA Bde without telephonic communication to DA. Motor and Mounted DRs were held in readiness at this report centre. 4th Aus DA HQ closed at E 28 b 2.8 sheet 62B at 1100 and reopened same hour at C 6 d 5.0 As a temporary measure 6 Aus Army Bde line was utilised to Premont exchange. At 0300 cable wagon was sent back from forward report centre to reel in old lines running back to E 28 b 2.8. In the meantime 4 miles of twisted D3 Cable was obtained from OC Signals 5 Aus DA. A line was then run from DA to new forward report centre which was established at V 28 b 9.2 this line was through and working at 2300. During the night communication by DR was very difficult owing to road craters and all bridges in the area having been blown up by the enemy. Despatches were delivered to Bde chiefly by runner who went across country.



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5A Sub Section

Moved to Beequiny with batteries in vicinity of Busigny. One pair was laid all Batteries being put on party line.

5B Sub Section

Moved to Busigny Batteries moved to V11a and d one pair was laid to all Batteries making a party line.

11<sup>th</sup>

~~Operations~~ R.A. HQ Dept.

Operations continued. All rear lines were reeled in and salvaged cable was used to run lines from report centre at V28 b2.g to 11<sup>th</sup> Bde at V16 d6.r and thence to 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde at V11 d5.5 this line was through and working at 0130. At 1200 11<sup>th</sup> Bde moved to V10 d5.2, and line was extended from old to new position. The horses of the cable wagon team were completely knocked up and a fresh team was obtained from the 4<sup>th</sup> Aust D. A. C. cable wagon again commenced to reel up lines not in use. Great difficulty was experienced in carrying out communication owing to no signal stores being available it not being possible to draw stores from the Company which was in rest about 40 miles back and the 30<sup>th</sup> US Division who we were working under not having any stores available.

5A Sub Section

Great difficulty was experienced in maintaining communication to Batteries owing to the repeated area shoots of the enemy.



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11<sup>th</sup> 5B Sub section

Moved from V16d62 to V10d84. As Bde in this position was very close to Batteries a separate pair was laid to each Battery.

12<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ Detmt

30<sup>th</sup> US Division was relieved by 27<sup>th</sup> US Division at 1000, at same hour command of field Arty covering this Division passed to CRA. 4<sup>th</sup> Aus DA

Forward exchange was moved to V15b68

11<sup>th</sup> Bde line was extended and used to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus DA. A party line was laid to A.R.P. and 4<sup>th</sup> D.A.C. at V9c68 10<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde moved to V16b29 direct line being established from this point to forward exchange. At 2000 a liaison line was laid from 10<sup>th</sup> Bde to 54<sup>th</sup> US Inf Bde at V16b25 Right Group HQ moved to V10d95 with direct communication to forward exchange.

5A Sub Section.

Improving existing communication.

5B Sub Section

As it appeared unlikely that Bde would not move for a few days a second pair was laid to all Batteries.

13<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ Detmt

Reeling in all lines which had become spare by Bdes moving forward.

Line was laid from forward exchange to Heavy Arty forward exchange at V16c51 through at 1500. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> D A's less headqs moved into this area and came under command of 4<sup>th</sup> Aus DA



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13<sup>th</sup> 5A Sub Section  
Moved to Busigny Batteries remaining  
in old position Bty lines extended  
to Busigny.

5B Sub Section.

6 W. W/T working well. During the  
moves of the past seven days this method  
of communication was of great value  
when lines to D.A. were cut.

14<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ. Detmt.

6 Aus Army Bde withdrawn to wagon  
lines and became reserve mobile Bde.

5A Sub Section

Great trouble experienced in keeping  
up communication to Batteries, owing  
to lengths of cable being cut out of lines  
believed to have been done by American  
lineament. Complaint was lodged to O.C.  
Signals 27 American Division to that  
effect.

15<sup>th</sup> → 5B Sub Section.

Reeling up lines in the vicinity of  
Busigny.

15<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ. Detmt.

D.A. HQ. moved to V9C 2.8. Forward exchange  
established at V15 b 6.5 with two lines to D.A.

Following units were connected to forward  
exchange A.R.P. and 2 Aus DA on party

line, one pair to 6 Aus Army Bde one pair to  
10 A.F.F. Bde one pair to H.A. exchange.

Direct line to 27<sup>th</sup> U.S. Division.

5A Sub Section

Trouble still being caused by lengths of line being  
cut out of battery lines, unable to catch offenders.

16 → 5B Sub Section

Personnel sent to establish fwd Ex in vicinity of Sturbain shrine



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16<sup>th</sup> RA HQ Detmt  
Ref Map. At 1000 30<sup>th</sup> US Div took over some portion of the  
62B + line at the same hour command of the Right  
57B Group artillery passed to command of  
CRA. 5<sup>th</sup> Aus Div and command of Left  
Group Arty passed to command of CRA.  
4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus DA forward exchange at  
V10 d 2.8 equipment and personnel was sent  
to relieve this exchange. Units in comm<sup>nd</sup>  
with forward exchange were as follows

14<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde

7<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde

5<sup>th</sup> " "

4<sup>th</sup> " "

41<sup>st</sup> Bde RFA.

2<sup>nd</sup> Amer Corps H.A.

108<sup>th</sup> U.S. Regt.

12<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde moved to V10 a 1.2 line laid  
to this point. Line laid to V4 d 9.9 for HQ  
of this Bde both lines on to forward Exchange  
5A Sub Section

Owing to length of cable still being cut  
out of Battery lines new lines were laid  
to Batteries on a different route.

~~5B Sub Section.~~

~~Bde HQ. moved forward to Escaufort and  
then to St Souplet. returning again to the  
first named village at nightfall.~~

17<sup>th</sup> RA HQ Detmt.

General attack commenced. 27<sup>th</sup> US Div  
attacked at 0530, on completion of  
protective barrage 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> AFA Bdes  
passed to command of 5<sup>th</sup> Aus DA



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17<sup>th</sup> Cont 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Bdes passed to command of C.R.A. 4<sup>th</sup> Aus DA. 11<sup>th</sup> Bde formed advance guard Arty, to be followed by 10<sup>th</sup> Bde. D.A. Report Centre established at W1a7.9 at 0800 utilising line from forward Ex to 10<sup>th</sup> US Regt for communication to D.A. It was arranged for 2<sup>nd</sup> D.A. HQ to assist in maintenance from forward Ex (Busigny) also to man this exchange. Hqs of 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Aus FA Bdes remained in old Hqs. At 1000 11<sup>th</sup> Bde moved to W1a7.7 and were connected to forward Ex. at 1010.

The battle did not progress as expected so Arty Bdes did not advance as originally intended.

At 1700 10<sup>th</sup> Bde moved to W1a8.9 and were also connected to forward Ex. at same hour. When it became definite that Bdes would not move further forward that day, report centre was moved to Q31C4.3 where accommodation was provided for all the forward party personnel for the night.

Right Group 12<sup>th</sup> Aus FA Bde

10<sup>th</sup> " " "

Left Group 5<sup>th</sup> " " "

4<sup>th</sup> " " "

Superimposed Bde 11<sup>th</sup> " " "

During the day traffic badly cut the lines and as weather was wet, communication was very difficult to maintain.

6 W. W/T sets were erected at 4<sup>th</sup> and DA HQ and 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Bdes throughout.

5A Sub Section.

Enemy shelled area heavily with gas shells, 2 linemen evacuated suffering from mustard gas. Bde HQ moved to Escaupont. Batteries connected by metallic pair.



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17th

5B Sub Section.

Bde Hqs moved forward to Escaupfort and then to St Souplet returning again to the first named village at nightfall.

18th

R.A. H.Q. Detmt.

The attack was continued by 27th US Divn with 50th Brit Divn on left and 30th US Divn on right at 0530. 11th Bde advanced in close support followed by 10th Bde. Liaison line run from forward Ex. to central Amer. Ex at Q31.C5.3 to which 53rd and 54th US Bdes were connected.

At 1500 10th and 11th Bdes moved to St Souplet, a line was laid forward to Q33 d 3.9 and report centre and forward Ex opened there at 1600.

Two linemen were left at Escaupfort at old exchange which was closed down and lines joined through from report centre to Busigny Ex. 10th Bde at Q28C 3.3 and 11th Bde at Q31 d 9.8 connected to forward Ex by 1700.

A spare line which ran from D.A. to Busigny was placed on Busigny Ex. and one pair joined right through from D.A. to forward exchange.

5A Sub Section.

Bde Hqs moved to St Souplet, batteries in and around Bandidval farm, connected by 1 metallic pair. Trouble from enemy shellfire and traffic continually breaking line.

5B Moved to St Souplet, communication established with forward D.A. and batteries in vicinity of Bandidval farm.

19th

R.A. H.Q. Detmt.

4th and 5th Aus F.A. Bdes withdrawn from area Regrouping becomes:-

Right Group	10th Aus F.A. Bde
Left	11th " " "
Superimposed	12th " " "



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19th. Cont.  
7th Aus FA Bde come under orders of CRA. 4 Aus DA and move into HQ at Q29C 7.6. Line run from 10th Bde at Q28C 3.3 to this point.

On this day 5 reinforcements were received. 4 field linemen and 1 office telegraphist. The arrival of these men greatly facilitated the maintenance of communication which was causing severe strain on available personnel.

## 5A Sub Section

Only trouble experienced, lines damaged by traffic.

## 5B Sub Section

Hqrs again moved forward to Queantlet, Grange Farm. All communications OK at Dark.

20th. 5A Sub Section.  
11th Bde returns to Q31d 9.8. Line from Q29C 7.6 to

Q24 a 3.8 handed over to 7th Bde.

110 Battery moved forward 2000 yards, connected by one pair.

## 5B Sub Section

Bde Hqrs returned St Souplet on account of lack of accommodation, our lines become very extended and are interfered with by traffic.

21st. R.A. HQ Detmt.

4th Aus DA HQ becomes Right Group under 6th DA at 2000. Brigades under Right Group were then organised as follows.

No 1 Sub Group 10th Aus FA Bde

11th " " "

No 2 Sub Group 7th " " "

(Superimposed)

10th Bde moved to Q29C 7.6 and utilised same line as 7th Bde to forward Ex.

On this day supply of cells and tape were received from 4th Aus Dis Signal Coy at Bavillon. Up to this no stores had been received for one month from any of the units which this DA had been under



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21<sup>st</sup>

5A Sub Section

Bde HQ moved to Bandival Farm, batteries moved forward, connected by one pair.

5B Sub Section

Weather very bad, lines in poor condition the cable having been patched a great deal owing to breakages.

22<sup>nd</sup>

R.A. HQ Detmt.

14<sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.A. moved into Q15 d 03 and came under command of Right Group. Line laid from forward Ex. to this point and 2 linemen were stationed there. Linemen at this period were stationed as follows.

DA HQ. 2.

Report Centre 2

10 A.A. Bde 2.

14 A.A. Bde 2.

A line was laid from 5<sup>th</sup> Aus DA at Q31 d 17 to A.R.P. at P36 d 8.0. Orders issued for attack on 24<sup>th</sup>.

5A Sub Section

Lines holding well

23<sup>rd</sup>

R.A. HQ Detmt.

Attack by 6<sup>th</sup> Division commenced, this operation did not entail Brigades moving forward. On completion of the operations 14<sup>th</sup> Army Bde R.A. withdrew from command of C.R.A. Hqs for 4<sup>th</sup> Aus DA were selected in Le Bateau for occupation and communication prepared.

5A Sub Section.  
Lines held throughout operations.

5B Sub Section

Forward exchange established at St Queanlet Grange Farm.

24<sup>th</sup>

25<sup>th</sup>

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24<sup>th</sup>

R.A. HQ. Detmt.

7<sup>th</sup> Aus DA Bde passes from command of CRA. 11<sup>th</sup> AAA Bde moves to Q24 a3.6. Line originally laid to this point and released by move of 7<sup>th</sup> Bde then taken over by 11<sup>th</sup> Bde.

5B. Sub Section.

Bde moved to St Queanlet Grange Farm Batteries moved into vicinity of St Basuel One line forward with 43<sup>rd</sup> Bty in circuit.

25<sup>th</sup>

R.A. HQ. Detmt.

At 1700 10<sup>th</sup> Aus DA Bde withdrawn to W.L.

At same hour 4<sup>th</sup> Aus DA. HQ. ceased to function as Right Group and together with 10<sup>th</sup> AAA Bde became 9<sup>th</sup> Corps Reserve. Forward lines were joined through so as to provide direct line from 6<sup>th</sup> Div advanced exchange St Souplet to 11<sup>th</sup> AAA Bde. All communications handed over to 6<sup>th</sup> DA at 1700. Owing to this move selected Hqrs in ~~Le Bateau~~ Le Bateau were not occupied.

Communication to 10<sup>th</sup> Bde by wireless only, after this night. DA. HQ. and 10<sup>th</sup> AAA Bde pass to 9<sup>th</sup> Corps Reserve.

5B Sub Section.

6<sup>th</sup> DA. takes over, 10<sup>th</sup> AAA Bde moves out Reeled in a number of obsolete lines in vicinity of our present position.

26<sup>th</sup>

5A Sub Section

Bde Hqrs moved back to wagon lines St. Souplet

5B Sub Section

Line to forward DA. very faulty owing to traffic

27<sup>th</sup>

5A Sub Section

Communication with DA. by Wireless Cable wagon and instruments overhauled



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28<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ. Detmt, 5A Sub Section and 5B Sub Section, in rest overhauling equipment.

29<sup>th</sup> Same as above.

30<sup>th</sup> R.A. HQ. Detmt.

This period was spent in resting re-equipping and reorganising the section.

Motor cycles were sent to advanced Sectn 4<sup>th</sup> Aus M.I. Column for overhaul, all cable run through and repaired, men bathed and horses reshod. Small amount of twisted D3 cable was received and issued to Bdes. and 10 miles sent to 4<sup>th</sup> Aus D.A.C. as reserve.

Wireless (C.W.) equipment was thoroughly overhauled and each set tested out with H.I. and T.V.I. over a distance of 1000 yards with 10 ft aerial at forward station and 20 ft at rear. Instruments and switchboards repaired.



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1st.

## Caillon Area:

- Divisional Hqs. situated at Caillon
- Headquarters & sections at Caillon
- No. 1 section at Foudrinoy (one Detachment detached with RA 49)
- No. 2 section (4 batteries) at Piquigny
- No. 3 section (12 batteries) at Pisy
- No. 4 section (13 batteries) at Bouvilles
- No. 5 section (4 Aus MG Batteries) at Le Mesnil

RA 49 Detachment (4 Aus Div. Artillery) at Piquigny

- 1 59. Sub section (10 batteries) 9.28 ab. 2 in wagon lines (32<sup>nd</sup> Div)
- 1000 50. Sub section " 10 batteries 9.28 ab. 2 in action (1x Corps)

with the exception of artillery sections the period, 1st to 9<sup>th</sup> was employed by training during morning and sports during afternoon

RA 49 Detachments. Orders received for an operation the crossing of the Canal de la Sambre à l'Est. Accordingly new Headquarters selected in Le Bateau (9405.7) 59. Sub section. New Headquarters selected in Sommeville (L.27.00.9). New positions for Batteries in L.22 central reconnoitered.

2nd

RA 49 Detachment closed v.c.c.s. Reopened 9405.7. Line laid to 21<sup>st</sup> Bde RFA. (9405.5) for temporary communication to 32<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Artillery Hqs. at Piquigny. Two pairs laid to Bazuel and forward. Exchange established at R.855.5 ab 1100. From Blvd. Exchange lines were laid to 10<sup>th</sup> Bde (R.800.5) at 1400. From Blvd. Exchange lines were laid to 10<sup>th</sup> Bde (L.27.00.9) 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bde (R.800.5) 2nd Bde RFA. R.807.6. 21<sup>st</sup> Bde RFA. (forward. Exchange) R.800.5

1000

On command of left group under 32<sup>nd</sup> Div. Artillery passed from OC. 21<sup>st</sup> Bde RFA. to Chd. of Aus Party. Composition of left group - 10<sup>th</sup> and " 10<sup>th</sup> Bde RFA. (6<sup>th</sup> SA) 6<sup>th</sup> Army Bde. R.800.5. 6<sup>th</sup> Army RFA, 21<sup>st</sup> Bde RFA were the only Bdes in action

Left group covered 96<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde.  
59. Sub section Headq. moved to (L.27.00.9)



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31st

58 Subject Position maintained in Sommeville (L27 C5.6)  
 RAA Hq. Detachment. Line laid to 16 Pde RAA at (L27 C87)  
 " 1st Pde moved to (L27 C5.6) and line run from  
 Fwd. Exchange to this Pde. Line run from " 1st Pde  
 to Fwd. Exchange of 25. Div. Art. at L26 C32 for  
 Div. Art. lateral communication  
 Organization of Left Group

No 1 sub group

Sub group Hqs.

16 Pde RFA at L27 C8.7

20 Pde RFA at L26 D7.6

21 Pde RFA at R4 B4.6

No 2. sub group

sub group Hqs.

" 1st Pde at L27 C5.6

10 Pde at L27 D0.9

5 Pde RFA at R2 C38 5.

2000

Each Pde was connected to Fwd. Exchange  
 cable wagon, horses and Drivers sustained serious  
 casualties by enemy shellfire. Wagon remained  
 and was manned by Telegraphists and Lincins  
 R.A. ordered to Establish Battle Hqs.  
 This was then selected at Sommeville at L27 B4.4  
 As this was close to sub group Hqs. difficulty was  
 experienced in alteration of communications

57 Sub section.

Line laid to Batteries L27 central by 5

58 Sub section

Hqs moved to L27. C5.6 line laid to Batteries

at L27, 10 1st Pde and no 1 sub group Hqs.

Communication to 5 Pde RFA thro Div. Art. Fwd Exchange

4

At 0.530 sub groups connected and Exchange

installed at Battle Hqs. at L27 B4.8. One motor Cyclist

2 mounted orderlies, 2 Cyclists, 2 telephonists and Cable

Detachment comprising. 4 units notified that despatches

would only be received at Battle Hqs. Three exchanges

being manned by this Detachment: Leferriere, Repul

Sommeville at 0.545. General attack on canal.

de la Lambre à l'Orser commenced. Great difficulty

was experienced in maintaining communications

6th

7th

8th



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4. chiefly in the village of Sommeville, and to liaison officer with 96<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bde. at 1400. Enemy resistance reported overcome, and canal safely crossed.

Battle Hqs maintained at L 27. B. 8. 4

Due to proximity of Battle Hqs to sub groups, no wireless was used.

59. Sub. Section. Communication satisfactorily maintained during operation.

55. Sub. Section Satisfactory communication during day. 1800. RA Hqs Detacht. Order received for withdrawal of left group to wagon lines. Personnel from Battle Hqs and Forward echelon withdrawn. All Brigades except 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> AF Bde pass from command of 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. to 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. pass to 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Reserve.

10 AF Bde. moved to K 34. D 3. 8. 11 AF Bde. to K 35. C 9. 5.

4 Aus. Div. remained in. Guesigny

All lines with exception of 2 pairs to Bazuel, which were required for communication to 32<sup>nd</sup> Div Artillery were reeled up - 1200. 59. Sub. Section Hqs moved to K 34. D 3. 8. office opened. Battle arranged section posted.

55. Sub. Section Hqs moved to K 35. C 0095.

RA Hqs Detacht. Lines run to 10. & 11<sup>th</sup> AF Bdes. 16<sup>th</sup> Bde. R. Hqs. and 5<sup>th</sup> Bde. AF provided with service. D.H.S. arranged with 32<sup>nd</sup> Division Bazuel.

55. Sub. Section. Section employed in wagon and harness cleaning and thorough overhaul of equipment.

RA Hqs Detacht. Owing to move of 32<sup>nd</sup> Division line laid to 13<sup>th</sup> Division at Le Cateau. D.H.S. arranged with 13<sup>th</sup> Corps.

RA Hqs Detacht. Line to Bazuel reeled up after which section was posted.



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9<sup>th</sup>

R.A.S.G. Detach. Line laid from (18 Corps) 4 Aus. Dal. to 11 Corps. Jussigny

10<sup>th</sup>

Headquarters and Wireless Sections

All spare and heavy gear dumped in Divisional Dump preparatory to moving forward.

0930

No 4 Section. Office closed. Roellets. Section moved to Saluaud and entrained for Epehey.

R.A.S.G. Detach. D.L.F. and Telephones, Communications arranged via Australian Corps which returned 13<sup>th</sup> Corps at Le Cateau

1200

Aus. Corps signal office closes. Cu. reopened Le Cateau 1200.

11<sup>th</sup>

Notification received that enemy had accepted Allied terms of Armistice and hostilities ceased. This however did not interrupt training, which was carried on with a view of the possibility of operations continuing

1715

No 1 and Wireless Sections. All Wireless gear instruments to open new signal office sent to Jussigny signal office. Jussigny reported communication established via 4 Army Rear and 9<sup>th</sup> Corps. Rear No 4 section en route per rail to Epehey

12<sup>th</sup>

R.A.S.G. Detach 4 Aus. Dal. moved to Le Cateau line run No 3 section office closed. Jussigny section to Saluaud and entrained.

No 4 section Detained Epehey. Communications widely scattered. Gattos by runner.

13<sup>th</sup>

1200

No 1 section. Office closed. Cavillon and reopened Jussigny same hour. with communication by telephone to 9<sup>th</sup> Corps and 4 Army Rear. Saunders and phone direct to Aus. Corps and 13. Aus. Inf Bde.

W/pt No 1 and No 5 sections preparing to entrain and move to forward areas No 2 section entrained at Belley-sur-Somme. No 3 section detained Epehey.

No 4 section office closed. section marched. Hargreaves and entrained by light railway, detaining Hargreaves and marched to Fresnoy-le Grand.

14<sup>th</sup>

15<sup>th</sup>

16<sup>th</sup>

17<sup>th</sup>

18<sup>th</sup>



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Headquarters, Kellers and No 1 Section marched to Haquet detained Trincourt

No 2. Section detained Herouilly

No 3. Section detained by Light Railway Lempleux - Le Grand. detained Francourt - Le Grand. and marched Freney - Le - Grand.

No 4 Section - Communication by Telephone established with Battalions

0700 No 5. Section office closed. Leffez Section marched to Haquet. detained Trincourt

R.A.S. Detent and 5<sup>a</sup>, 5<sup>b</sup> Sub sections. Traps and harness cleaning parades rifle inspections

Headquarters Kellers detained on light railway at Trincourt. detained Francourt. Le Grand. and marched to Quigny

1500 No 1 Section marched by road from Trincourt to Quigny No 3. Section in communication to all Battalions by phone and papers.

No 2. Section detained Roisel. detained Freney Le Grand Transport by road office opened. Communication by Phone via 12, 13, 14 Sde.

No 5. Section detained Trincourt detained Freney Le Grand. office opened.

Headquarters Section. D.R.S. runs arranged with all units of Aus Div including 4 Aus Div Artillery No 1 Section. Communication to 12<sup>th</sup> and 13. Aus. Sd Sde by existing permanent route line to 1st Aus. Div. Bohain. To 4 9 Sde via 1st Aus. Div

No 5. Section Line run to 12. 13 Sde 4<sup>th</sup> and 13. Sd Sde by connected to their respective Sdes

General preparations throughout Company to regroup and refit preparatory to advance to Rhine German Territory as part of 4 Army of occupation

Kellers Section. In accordance with Aus Corps order one sub. with operators was withdrawn from 4 Aus Div Artillery for communication with Corps.



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18. during protracted periods of movement by Wireless  
 Wave. - length allotted 1130 metres. Communicator to Inf  
 Sds. to be by spark. Wireless wave length 550 metres to.
19. 4 Aus. Div. group by C.W. Wireless wave length 1130 metres  
 Wireless Section Communication Established by C.W.  
 wireless to 4 Aus Div Artillery
- 20<sup>th</sup> 1200. 1st Inf. Detach. 4 Aus Div Artillery passed direct under command  
 of G.O.C. 4 Aus Division 104<sup>th</sup> Army G.P.A. attached to 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Aus. Div Artillery for forward move. This Sds. located at  
 Montney and included in D.R.F. pass. No. telephone  
 line was run in view of early move.
- 21<sup>st</sup> 2000. 14<sup>th</sup> Mobile Vet Section also attached to Div Artillery Group forward  
 Wireless Section. In touch with 13 ADPde at St. Souplet  
 all traffic by wireless. No line being available
0730. 1<sup>st</sup> 4 Section. Office closed Guignoy le Grand. Section  
 marched to St. Souplet, office opened. 1730. Communication  
 to Battalions by runner.
- 1st ADPde Detach. 4 Aus Div. Artillery Group less D.A.P. G.  
 moved to La. Noize area.
- Communication maintained by motor D.R. Report centre 25.  
 established in Fauril, with motor cycles to return  
 Dispatches
- 57<sup>th</sup> Inf Section. Section moved to Fauril, in touch with  
 batteries by runner.
- 58<sup>th</sup> Inf Section. Section moved to Le Sart.
22. 0900. 1<sup>st</sup> 3 Section office closed. Section marched to St. Souplet  
 and opened office. 1030. Inter Sds. communication by runner.
0930. 1<sup>st</sup> 4 Section office closed. St. Souplet reopened. Fauril 1600.
0730. 1<sup>st</sup> 5 Section. office closed. Guignoy-le-Grand. Section marched  
 to St. Souplet, office opened. 1430.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 1200. Headquarters Section office closed. Guignoy reopened  
 Priches same hour. Communication to 4 ADPde by D.R. 26.  
1<sup>st</sup> 1 Section marched by road to Priches. Line arranged  
 on existing enemy routes to 4<sup>th</sup> Aus. Div. Artillery Battalion  
 12 Aus. Inf Sds. Fauril, 13 ADPde at Le Grand Sart



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- 23<sup>rd</sup> 0730 No. 2. Section office closed. Fresnoy le Grand. Section  
 1500 marched to St. Souplet. office opened. Communications to  
 Batta. by runner
- 0830 No. 3. Section office closed. St Souplet. Section marched  
 to Lavois. In touch with all Batta by phone.
- 0900 No. 4. Section office closed. Lavois. Section marched to  
 Le Grand. Day office reopened. 1200. In touch with all  
 Batta by phone and W. by Division
- 0930 No. 5. Section office closed. St. Souplet. Section marched  
 to Lavois. office reopened. 1430.
- 1000 R.A.H.G. Detach. office closed. Le-Catieny reopened  
 Cattillon same hour. Line to 4 Aus Div through line  
 laid as alternative to Post. Exchange to Cattillon  
 to Bde. and Units of Group by motor DR.
24. 1500 No. 1. Section Line through 4 Aus Div Bde in Prieches
- 730 No. 2. Section office closed at St. Souplet. Section marched  
 to Prieches office reopened. 1500. Through to all Batta  
 by phone
- 1130 No. 3. Section Line laid to 12 Aus Div Bde
25. 1200 No. 4. Section office closed. Prieches. Reopened. Same hour  
 - Word. same hour. Communication to all Units during  
 move. by motor DR. Telephone to 4 Aus Div 4 and  
 12<sup>th</sup> B Div via Australian Corps.
- No. 1. Section marched. by road from Prieches to  
 Sains du Nord. Line. Run 13 B Div in same town
- 1000 No. 4. Section office closed. Marched to Sains du Nord  
 office reopened. 1100.
- 1200 R.A.H.G. Detach. Following alterations in line. Existing  
 pair to Prieches joined to 4 B Div, at Prieches and  
 12 B Div at Lavois. Line arranged from Auloy  
 to this office
26. 0730 No. 2. Section office closed. Prieches. Section marched to Sains  
 - du. Nord. office opened. with direct Lines to 4 Aus  
 Division and all Battalions



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26. 0900. No. 3. Section. Office closed. Faviel. Section marched to Le Grand Fayt. Communications to all. Battalions by runner.  
0900. No. 4. Section. Office closed. Saus du Wood. Section marched to Lieng. Office reopened 1500. communication to 4 Aus. Div Art by Spark. Wireless to Battalions by runner.  
0930. No. 5. Section. Office closed. Faviel. Section marched to Petit Fayt. Office reopened 1400.
27. 0800. No. 3. Section office closed. Le Grand Fayt. Section marched Avenelles. Office reopened. in communication to Battalions by phone. and runner.  
0900. No. 5. Section office (opened) closed. Petit Fayt Section marched to Salleries. Office opened 1430.  
1000. R.A.H.Q. Detach. office closed. Catillon reopened. Chateau Luesus. same hour. Transport by road. Demounted personal. by Lorry. 4 Aus. Div Art group move to Cartignies. (Office reopened)  
59. Sub Section office closed. Faviel. Section marched to Cartignies. Office reopened.  
58. Sub Section office closed. Le Sab. Section moved to Cartignies. Office reopened.
28. 1000. No. 3. Section cleaning harness and equipment. Routine parades. Lines arranged to 4 Aus. Div Art Luesus and to 4 Aus M.G. Batts at Salleries  
1000. No. 5. Section Lines through to 4. 12. 13. and 24 M Gun Regs. R.A.H.Q. Detach. 4 Aus. Div Art group less Hqs. moving communication to units by Motor and Cyclist. 104<sup>th</sup> Bde. R.F.A. to Ramousies. 4 Aus. Div. to Semeries. 14<sup>th</sup> Coy. A.S.C. to Willie 4 mobile Veterinary Section Ramousies.  
Civ workers. through to 4 Aus. Div Signals. R.G. distance 4 miles  
59. 58. Sub sections offices closed. Cartignies Sections marched to Luesus. Office reopened.

29.

30.



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29. No 4 Section 4 Australian. Batts attached for march  
to 13 Aus Div Bde.  
1300. No 15. Section Lines to Division and Battalion Transport  
through  
30<sup>th</sup> Sections all employed with Units and Communications  
carried on throughout the Division

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Sains  
du Nord

Date	Time	Notes
		SAINS-DU-NORD Area
		4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Divol Hqrs SAINS-DU-NORD.
		Hqrs, W/P & 1 Sect no
		no 2 Sect (4 <sup>th</sup> a. I. Bde) no
		no 3 Sect (13 <sup>th</sup> a. I. Bde) AVESNELLES
		no 4 Sect (13 <sup>th</sup> a. I. Bde) SIVRY
		no 5 Sect (4 <sup>th</sup> a. I. Bde) FELLERIES
		RAHQ Detacht (4 <sup>th</sup> Aust D.A.) CHATEAU. LIESSIES
		5A Sub Sect (10 <sup>th</sup> Aust I. Bde) LIESSIES
		5B Sub Sect (11 <sup>th</sup> Aust I. Bde) no.
		For the purposes of movement the division was organised into Brigade Groups. The 4 <sup>th</sup> Pioneer Bn with 13 <sup>th</sup> I. Bde Group and 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust Mobile Veterinary Sect with 104 Bde RFA. with 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust D.A. Group.
		Hqrs, no 14 W/P Sects. General Routine <del>minimum</del> communication carried on. L. Touch with 4 <sup>th</sup> a. I. Bde 13 <sup>th</sup> a. I. Bde + 13 <sup>th</sup> a. I. Bde with phone, sounder, W/P and motor D.P.
1200		Aust Corps closed office LE CATEAU reopening same hour Avesnes.
1250		Through to Aust Corps at Avesnes with phone + sounder.
1st	40	Hqrs, no 14 W/P Sects Daily parade 9.30 am Regt Inspection. Inspection of horses, harness vehicles. Afternoon devoted to Sports + Organised Games. Several Football Matches played with other units of the Div



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9/11th

No 2 Sectn. In communication with all Ltas, by telephone & runners. Section carried out daily inspections route marches & physical drill during the mornings. In the afternoons - sporting pictures

13th  
0700

No 3 Sectn. In communication with Ltas by telephone & runners. Section carried out daily parades & general inspections during mornings & organized games - football & such in the afternoons.

07.00

No. 4. Salvaged German cable was used exclusively for all battn lines.

0900

No 4 Sectn. In communication with all units of the group by 'phone & runners. Daily parades & general inspections were carried out during this period. Weekly baths & clean clothing obtained for sections

0900

0800

No. 5. Sectn. In touch with all boys & Btn transport by 'phone. Section carried out daily parades, general inspections, sports etc.

0900

Ratb Det. In touch with units of arty groups by motor Lk only. Units were too scattered for connection by telephone. General parades carried out. Harness & equipment overhauled & repaired.

0900

0900

5A + 5B Subsectns. General parades & inspections organized games etc.

14th.

0700

10th.

Orders issued for move of Division to Dinant area. Graph of move as supplied to 4th Ans Div Hq. by this Coy. attached.

0900.

11th.

1.00

Hq Sectn. Another Corps closed Avesnes reopened from our Avesnes same hour leaving report centre at Avesnes for traffic of this Division.

15:30

12th.

All sections making preparations for march to Dinant area.

0700



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- 13<sup>th</sup> Hq Section. Advance party consisting of mechanics, switch attendants & other office personnel proceeded to Dinant in horse car to open new office
- 07:00 No. 1. Sectn. Section & company transport moved out en route to Dinant staying for night at Phillipville. Advance party linemen sent by horse car to reconnoitre lines in new area.
- 09:00 No. 3. Sectn. Office closed Avesnelles section marched to Livry & reopened office on arrival. Comin in to D. two by runners to D. HQ by motor D.R.
- 09:00 No. 4. Sectn. Office closed Livry section marched to Silenriens via Renlies, Terquies, & Espion & Doussau. Office reopened 1600.
- 08:00 No. 5. Sectn. Office closed Felleries, section marched to Livry reopened office 1200.
- 09:00 R. Hq Detachment. Artillery group moved to Rance billeting area, Comin maintained to all units by motor D.R. Sectn transport moved to Les fontaines & staged for night.
- 09:00 5A Subsectn. <sup>Office closed Fiesies</sup> Sectn marched Froidchappelle. Office reopened 1500.
- 09:00 5B Subsection. Office closed Fiesies section marched to Les fontaine office reopened 1300.
- 14<sup>th</sup>
- 07:00 Hq staff Sectn. Personnel instruments sent to Dinant in Coy motor transport assisted by 2 Lorries attached from 4<sup>th</sup> Am. Div. for move.
- 09:00. Office closed Sains du Nord reopened same hour at Dinant with telephone & sounder to another Corps at Nam sur Steene. Comin to units of Divn by motor D.R.
- 15:30 Line to 4<sup>th</sup> Am. Div. by at Arthee Chateau.
- 07:00 No. 8 Section. Left Phillipville by road for Dinant arriving Dinant at 17:30.



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14<sup>th</sup>.

1700 W/T Sectn. Spark & C.W. Strs erected at D.H.Q. Dinant.

15<sup>th</sup>.

0835

0630 No 2 Sectn. Office closed Sains du Nord. Sectn marched to Livry. Office reopened with Commin to Bns by runners.

0900

0900 No. 3. Sectn. Office closed Livry. Section marched to Silenriens & office opened. Commin to Bns by runner.

0900 No. 5. Sectn. Office closed Livry. Section marched to Loussou Les Walcourt. Office reopened 1345. Commin to Coy by runner.

0900. R.A.H.Q Det. Office closed Chateau Lissies. Section moved to Anthée Chat by motor lorry. Office reopened 1525. Arty group moved to Phillipville. Commin by motor S.R. C.W. Str erected Commin to Divlin Hq by C.W. wireless & telephone.

0900

0700. Transport left Cerfontaine arrived Anthée Chat. 1550.

0900

0900 57 Subsectn. Office closed Froidchapel. Sectn marched to Tillers Le Gambon. Office opened 1600.

16<sup>th</sup>.

1500

0900 5B Subsectn. Office closed Cerfontaine. Sectn marched to Phillipville office reopened 12.00.

1535

16.20

15<sup>th</sup>.

0001 Hq Sectn. New signal procedure brought into force.

No. 1. Sectn. Telephone route between Dinant & Florennes tested out & one pair of lines picked up for 4<sup>th</sup> adde preparatory to their moving into that place.

0730

0900

0630 No. 2. Sectn. Office closed Livry section marched to Silenriens. Office opened on arrival. Commin to Bns. by runner.

0930

0700 No. 3. Sectn. Office closed Silenriens. Sectn marched to Florennes. Office opened on arrival Commin to Bns by runners.



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15<sup>th</sup>.

0835 No. 4 Sectn. Office closed Florennes. Section marched to ~~Orange~~ Gerin via Rossee & Anthée. Office opened 1345. Commin to Bns by runner.

0900 No. 5 Sectn. Office closed Boussu les Walcourt. Sectn marched to St Aubin. Office reopened 1600. RA Hq Det. Arty Group units moved from Phillipville area to following locations.

10<sup>th</sup> A.A. Bde. Flavian.

11<sup>th</sup> " " Rossee.

104<sup>th</sup> Army Bde RFA Ermeton

4<sup>th</sup> Ans Dae. Stave

14<sup>th</sup> Coy aase Brenne.

4<sup>th</sup> Ans M.V. Sectn. do.

Commin to all units by motor D.K.

0900 5A Subsectn. Office closed Villers le Gambaon. Sectn marched to Flavian. Commin to batteries by runner.

0900 5B Subsectn. Office closed Phillipville. Sectn marched to Rossee. Office reopened. 1330.

16<sup>th</sup>. Hq Sectn. 4<sup>th</sup> Ad Bde opened office Florennes. 1200

1200 13<sup>th</sup> Ad Bde OK on morse & phone at Bouvignes.

1535 4<sup>th</sup> Ad Bde OK on morse & phone. at Florennes.

1620 12<sup>th</sup> " " " " & phone. at Haulcourt.

No. 1. Sectn. Commin arranged on existing aerial routes to 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Ad Bdes. Local lines to Staffs etc established.

0730 No. 2. Sectn. Office closed Silenieux. Section marched to Florennes. Office opened 1200. Commin to 12 & 16 Bns by phone other Bns by runner.

0900 No. 3. Sectn. Office closed Florennes. Sectn marched to Haulcourt. Office reopened 1620. Commin to all Bns by runner.

0930 No. 4. Sectn. Office closed Gerin. Sectn marched to Bouvignes. Office reopened 1500. 4<sup>th</sup> Ans Arty Bn detached from Bde Group.



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16th.

0830 No. 3. Sectn. Office closed St. Aubin. Sectn marched to Yerin. Office opened 1000.  
Rat & Det. Cable Det cleaning harness & wafers.  
Signal & W/T Sectns overhauling technical gear.  
General inspection 10am. Inspection of billets cookhouses etc. In the afternoons educational classes run.

0890 5B Sub Sectn. Office closed Rosee. Section marched Aumont. Office reopened 1200.

17th. No. 1. Sectn. Lines arranged to 4th Aus Mt Bn & Dudo to Anseremme.

0845 No. 3. Sectn. Office closed Yerin. Sectn marched to Anseremme office opened with phone to Div. Hq. 1400.

18th. No. 3. Sectn. All coys connected by telephone. 1020.  
Rat & Det. Cis. wft seminar to 11th A7a Bde.

19th. No. 1. Sectn. Line arranged to 4th Aus Mt Bn. at Weillen

20th/31st. Hq. No. 1. & W/T. Sectns. Sectns engaged overhauling transport harness & technical gear & the improvement of Comminis generally. Lineman stationed at 4th A2 Bde Florennes for maintenance of aerial route to Divn.

No. 2. Sectn. Routine parades & inspections carried out. Lines arranged to all Bns. 50 miles of cable salvaged by this section during this period.

No. 3. Sectn. <sup>Phone</sup> Commin arranged to all Bns. Total length of lines 20 kilometres. General routine parades & education scheme carried on.

No. 4. Sectn. All units of Bde group in Commin by phone. Routine parades & educational subjects carried on.

No. 5. Sectn. Section carried out routine parades Rifle inspections etc.

20th/31st.



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20th. Lt. Hq. Det. General routine parades. carried  
31st. out. Inspections & education. C.W. left arranged  
to 4 Sae at Stave. No telephone commun  
available to any units of party group.  
5A Sub Sectn. General parades inspections  
carried out. No telephone commun to batteries.  
5B Sub Sectn. General parades & inspections  
carried out. Line obtained to 12 a Sae at  
Daulcott. E.

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1st

4<sup>th</sup> Aust Divl Hqrs situated at Dinant.

Hqrs, W/T + C<sup>o</sup> 1 Sections at Dinant

C<sup>o</sup> 2 Sect (4<sup>th</sup> A.S. Bde) Florennes

3 " (12<sup>th</sup> do) Waulsort

4 " (17<sup>th</sup> do) Bovines

5 " (4<sup>th</sup> A.C.H.G. Bn) Anseremme

P.A.H. Detach (4<sup>th</sup> Aust. A.) Chau Anstie

5A Subsection (10<sup>th</sup> " of A.Bde) Flavion

5B " (11<sup>th</sup> " " " ) Argimont

All Sections were in touch with all subordinate formations by telephone + Despatch Rider + general communication carried out within the Division.

Hqrs, W/T + C<sup>o</sup> 1 Section.

Daily Parade and rifle inspection

0930. W/T Section in touch with

12<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> A.S. Bdes, by wireless. C<sup>o</sup> 1

Section patrolling + repairing lines.

C<sup>o</sup> 2 Section.

Daily Parade + Rifle Inspection

by C. of Sect. at 0930. Organised Games

Sports continued. Section in good

health. Health Good. Lines patrolled

C<sup>o</sup> 3 Section

Daily Parade + Rifle Inspection

by C. of Sect. 0930. Sports + Organised

Games carried out. Education

classes with 12<sup>th</sup> A.S. Bde being

attended by large number of

Section. Lines patrolled + commun-

ication carried on throughout the

Brigade. Brigade concentrates in



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124. No 4 Sect Daily Parade at 0930  
General Inspection and Inspection  
of Rifles. Lines patrolled.  
Sports and Organised Games  
carried out. Personnel of Sect  
attending Educational Classes  
with <sup>13</sup>/<sub>4</sub> A. & Bde.

No 5 Sect

General Parade + Rifle Inspection  
at 0930 daily. Sport and  
Organised Games in morning and  
afternoon. Education classes of  
4<sup>th</sup> M. G. Bn being attended by  
personnel of this Section. Lines  
to Companies patrolled +  
communication maintained.

D. A. H. Detachment Section in touch  
with 1<sup>st</sup> M. G. Bde + D. A. C. by C. W.

Wireless communication to other  
Units of Group by Major D. P.

Daily Parade + Rifle Inspection  
0900. Inspection of Transport  
6 A Subsection to lines to Batteries.

Communication by Runner. Rifle  
Inspection 0930 Transport Inspection  
1000. Sports + Organised Games  
carried out in afternoons.

5 B Subsection communication to  
Batteries by Runner. Parade 0900  
Daily Rifle Inspection + Transport  
Inspection by O. C. Subsection. Sports  
and Organised Games in afternoons.  
Personnel attending Educational  
classes with 11<sup>th</sup> Aus. F. A. Bde



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2<sup>nd</sup> 5 B Subsection. Fire run from Signal Office to the Regiment & connected to Civilian Railway Route to Wandsworth thence by old Enemy Route to Chahay thence to HA.

3<sup>rd</sup> R.A.H.K. Detachment. Completion of line to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave of A Bde & C.W. Wireless discontinued & Station withdrawn. H.H.s + C.V. Sect. Transport parade wagons, cycles & motor cycles and cars etc inspected.

5<sup>th</sup> R.A.H.K. Detachment. C.W. Wireless Station erected at 10<sup>th</sup> Ave of A Bde H.H.s. In communication with HA at 1500. 10<sup>th</sup> Bde also in touch with D.A.C. by C.W. W/F.

9<sup>th</sup> A quota left the company en route for Australia. They <sup>were</sup> comprised of 2 officers (1914) and 21 other ranks (1915). The personnel were drawn from all sections of the company.

10<sup>th</sup> R.A.H.K. Detachment. Pair of civilian Aerial Route between Anstee & Rose obtained & put into use between HA & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave of A Bde.

11<sup>th</sup> R.A.H.K. Detachment. C.W. Wireless communication discontinued to 10<sup>th</sup> Bde and Station and personnel withdrawn.

13<sup>th</sup> W/F Sect. Owing to decrease in strength of company and as line communication with unit was very satisfactory and easily maintained, it was decided to withdraw all Spark <sup>Wireless</sup> Station.



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13<sup>th</sup>

and personnel from Brigades and  
Trench Artillery. The personnel thus  
released were used on Allys Sect  
as Operators Clerks & Checks etc.

14<sup>th</sup>

No 1 Section. Faults repaired on 12<sup>th</sup>  
and 13<sup>th</sup> a J. Bde lines. Additional  
pair put through to 4<sup>th</sup> a J. Bde  
No 2 Section. Technical Gear overhauled  
& cleaned. Faults repaired on  
13<sup>th</sup> B. line.

No 3 Section. Parade & Inspection of  
Transport

15<sup>th</sup>

No 2 Section. Lines patrolled &  
faults mended. Lines generally  
improved

No 4 Section. Bath Parade Lines  
Patrolled and improved

No 3 Section. Route march with  
M. G. Bn.

16<sup>th</sup>

W/S Sect. A. B. C. Charging set as  
Trench Artillery out of order. Accumul-  
ators being recharged by Lister 3K.W. Set  
at Trench Allys & accumulators sent  
to D.A. for distribution

18<sup>th</sup>

Supply of Text Books for Educational  
purposes received & distributed to  
all Sections

19<sup>th</sup>

Allys + No 1 Sect. all horses were  
classified by D.A. & V.S. into A, B & C  
Classes according to age and  
into X, Y & Z classes according  
to whether they were (X) suitable  
for breeding, (Y) remounts to be  
retained in the Army and (Z)  
for sale in France or Belgium



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- 20<sup>th</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 3 + 4 Sections All horses classified into A.B.C., X.Y + Z classes. N<sup>o</sup> 5 Section lines patrolled and generally improved.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Quota comprising 16 other ranks left the Company & proceeded to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Reinforcement Wing en route to Australia. N<sup>o</sup> 1 Sect. A.B.C. Charging Set withdrawn from Div Assembly & sent to 4<sup>th</sup> Army P.F.L. Workshops for overhaul. Charging for all station being done by 3 KW Light Set.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 6 Section All horses classified by Veterinary Officer into A.B.C., X.Y + Z classes.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Dattel Detach Lecture on Demobilization & Repatriation by Br Gen McNichol.
- 24<sup>th</sup> 5A Subsection Horses classified into A.B.C., X.Y + Z classes.
- 27<sup>th</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 2 Section Horses classified into A.B.C., X.Y + Z classes.
- 28<sup>th</sup> 5B Subsection All Horses classified into A.B.C., X.Y + Z classes.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Dattel Detach Horses classified into A.B.C., X.Y + Z classes. This included the Horses of D' Cable Detachment of N<sup>o</sup> 1 Section.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Quota comprising 16 other ranks left the Company & proceeded to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Reinforcement Wing en route for Australia. This & previous quotas for the



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most of January were composed  
entirely of personnel who  
embarked from Australia in  
1915.

31<sup>st</sup> W/D Echo All accumulators not  
in use were discharged and  
cleaned & prepared for storage  
i.c. W.M.K.III Wireless Set withdrawn  
from D.A.H. Detachment. Two  
remaining c.w. Set in use at  
D.A.H. Chau Anthee & 4<sup>th</sup> Aust  
D.A.C. at Hare.

General All surplus stores and  
stores not actually required  
to carry on communications  
were withdrawn from all  
Sections preparatory to their  
Return to D.A.S.O.S. & the  
demobilization of certain  
Sections.

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List of Subscribers 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 1919  
(4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Hk.)  
Copy of Correspondence re  
Regimental Signaller



War Diary February 1919.

20 1st. 4th Aus Div Hqrs. Dinant. Refreshment/100,000.  
 Hq Sectn. Dinant.  
 2nd " " "  
 No. 1 " "  
 21 No. 2 " Florennes, with 4th A & Bde.  
 No. 3 " Waulsort. " 12th "  
 No. 4 " Louwignes " 13th "  
 No. 5 " Anseremme " 4th M & Bn  
 R & Hq Det. Chat. Anthel " 4th A. D. A. Hq  
 5A. Subsectn. Flavion " 10th A & Bde  
 5B " " Afimont " 11th " "

All sections in touch with subordinate units by telephone & D.R.

R & Hq Det. 104th Army Bde RFA moved to F. Jambes.

2 3rd. No. 2. Sectn. Lines patrolled, faults mended & improvements made.

4th. In accordance with G.O. 628 all signal offices in divisional area were closed from 2200 to 0500 daily. Divisional Hqrs telegraph & telephone office remained open for priority traffic only. Divisional Signal Office remained open for nominal traffic during these hours.

5th. Hq Sectn. Owing to heavy falls of snow considerable trouble was experienced with motor Dds & runs were considerably delayed, only 1 run per day was rec'd from Arstn Corps, by box car.

6th. No. 3 Section. Lines patrolled & repaired after heavy snow fall.

7th. No. 4 Section. Repair carried out on lines in Bde area.

11/12 From midnight 11/12 keyword for Field Cipher became "old-fashioned".



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13<sup>th</sup> 20 'V' Class Horses were despatched to Base from Section of this Company  
15<sup>th</sup> No 1 Section. The complete transport and equipment of one Cable Section comprising 2 cable wagons & 2 G.S. Limbered Wagon & all technical equipment were despatched to Chatelineau railhead for conveyance to base but owing to Railway trouble these stores were held there for 7 days before finally disposed of.

17<sup>th</sup> School for instruction in new signal procedure, vide training manual signalling part VI commenced. School consisted of representatives from all sections. An instructor being supplied by Aust Corps Sig Coy.

20<sup>th</sup> School dispersed.

Rat & det. All horses were maligned by vety Officer.

22<sup>nd</sup> Complete transport & equipment of S.A & S.B Sub sections, was sent by Motor Lorry to Dado's receiving store at Chatelineau for disposal to base. The personnel of these sections remained with their respective brigades.

23<sup>rd</sup> Wk Sectn. On receipt of instructions from Chief Signal Officer Aust Corps, all wireless gear with exception of low was lodged with 4th Army wireless stores Franere.

No 3 Sectn. Office closed Waulsort 9am Section marched by road to Florennes.

Office reopened 1600. Comin to units of Bde by runners.

No 1 Sectn. Comin arranged to 12 a/cde tro 4th a/cde who were already at Florennes.



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24<sup>th</sup> No. 3. Sectn. Office closed Florennes 0900.  
Sectn marched by road to Namur.  
Office reopened 1730. Commn to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div  
via Aust Corps at ~~Namur~~ <sup>Stem</sup> sur Meuse. Commn  
with Ase units by cyclist.

13 L class horses were offered for sale  
by public auction at Dinant. They were all  
disposed of.

25<sup>th</sup> Transport & equipment of No. 3. Sectn. was sent  
to Dadas recq stores at Chatehneau.

26<sup>th</sup> RATTG Det. 10 L class horses were sent to  
Ajimont pending sale on 28<sup>th</sup> at Givet.  
Cable wagon & harness of "D" Det. No. 3. Sectn  
sent into Dinant by Motor Lorry, pending  
return to Dadas.

28<sup>th</sup> 10 L class horses offered for sale at Givet  
only 3 sold. Remainder returned to Sectns.

15 Y Class horses were sent to Charleroi  
for entrainment to base. V

List of appendices.

Lillargraph of Traffic  
Summary of events.

(Appendices)



# War Diary March 1919

1st  
 1:100,000

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|-----------------|------------------------------|---|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Aust Div Hqs at Dinant       | } with 4 <sup>th</sup><br>Aust Div<br>Hqs |
|                 | Hqs Section at Dinant        |   |
|                 | W/T " " " "                  |   |
|                 | No 1 " " " "                 |   |
|                 | No 2 " " " "                 |   |
|                 | No 3 " " " "                 | Florennes with 4 <sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde  |
|                 | No 4 " " " "                 | Valinnes with 12 <sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde  |
|                 | No 5 " " " "                 | Bouwignes with 13 <sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde |
|                 | No 5 <sup>A</sup> Subsection | Anseremme with 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust C. G. |
|                 | No 5 <sup>B</sup> " " "      | Flavion with 10 <sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde   |
|                 | R. M. H. Detcht. " "         | Agimont with 11 <sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde   |
|                 |                              | Anthée with 4 <sup>th</sup> Aust D. H. Q. |

Usual duties being carried out by Sections. All sections in touch with subordinate formations by telephone + L.P.

Throughout all Sections of the company new Signal Service Procedure, vide "Signal Training Part VI Procedure" came into force. New Signal Forms for messages were used + abbreviated Procedure as adopted by Aust Corps. No difficulty was experienced in any way by the alteration.

at 2300 "Lombard Line" came into force, 2300 becoming 2400.

2nd

Austa No 13 comprising one officer 2 C. G. O's + 10 O.P.'s left Company Hqs to proceed to England for return to Australia.

No 1 Section, 4<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde line improved + new lines posted at 4<sup>th</sup> A. I. Bde Headquarters.

4<sup>th</sup>

No 2 Section faults removed + lines + line generally improved







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- 8<sup>th</sup> At midnight codeword for W/I becomes LONG PERIOD.  
cr 4 Section Office closed Bouvignies 0900  
Section proceeded to Locrianort by  
Lorry provided by Coy Albers. Office  
reopened 1200 with communication  
to 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div. In touch with  
All Bns by runner + two bns by  
telephone.
- 9<sup>th</sup> cr 5 Section Office closed Anserenne  
0930. Section marched to Denee +  
office reopened 1430 with communication  
to Coy by runner only.
- 10<sup>th</sup> cr 2 Section Parade + Rifle Inspection  
Short Route March.  
cr 4 Section Telephone communication  
completed to 4<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> + 51<sup>st</sup> Bns  
27<sup>th</sup> Coy A.D.S.C. + 13<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance.  
cr 5 Section Office closed Denee 0930  
Section marched to Gougny arriving  
1400. Office reopened 1430.  
Satch Descht Communication  
arranged to 10<sup>th</sup> A & A Bde <sup>at</sup> ~~near~~  
Talean via 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Ck. & Bn at  
Weiler. 11<sup>th</sup> Aust A Bde move to  
Flavio + take over communication  
from 10<sup>th</sup> Bde.
- 5A Subsection Office closed Flavio  
0930 Section marched to Talean.  
Office reopened 1200.
- 5B Subsection Office closed Agimont <sup>0900</sup>  
Section marched to Flavio + commun-  
ication taken over from 10<sup>th</sup> A & A Bde  
Office reopened 1500.
- 11<sup>th</sup> cr 2 Section Harvest Transport Inspection



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11<sup>th</sup> N° 5 Section. All Companies connected up by telephone.

12<sup>th</sup> Allys Section & R & G arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde at Tarcienne. Round runs now include 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DA, 4<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde, 12<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde + 13<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde. Message traffic via Aust Corps. N° 1 Section. Line arranged for 4<sup>th</sup> A.I. Bde to Aust Corps.

N° 2 Section Office closed Florence 0830 Section marched to Tarcienne. Office reopened 1200 with line to Aust Corps, 15<sup>th</sup> + 16<sup>th</sup> Bns.

13<sup>th</sup> Code word for W/I becomes URGENT DEMAND. N° 2 Section. In touch all Bns by phone & runner.

N° 3 Section Lines improved & faults removed.

Danel Detd. 12<sup>th</sup> Aust Army I A Bde attached to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DA. The Brigade Signal Subsection of this Brigade was detached for demobilization to Aust Corps Sig Coy.

14<sup>th</sup> Allys + N° 1 Sects. Owing to expected move of 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DA to Allys to Gertines advance party consisting of linemen, operators & office personnel were sent there by box car. Billings accommodation for Allys + N° 1 Section arranged. Two lorry loads of gear sent to Gertines. N° 2 Section. Lines generally improved. Equipment inspected & cleaned.

15<sup>th</sup> Allys Sect. Two lorry loads of cable & surplus stops sent to Gertines. Two lorries for transport on 16<sup>th</sup>



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16th reformed from 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Hqs. Hqs Section office closed Dinant 0930 reopened Gerpinnes same hour. S.P.L.I runs arranged all units. Remainder of personnel stores transferred to Gerpinnes by motor lorry.

17th No 1 Section Lines arranged to 13<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde direct, 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde & 12<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde, 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DA at Antheux. C.R.F. at Viller-Potteric & 4<sup>th</sup> Aust C.W. G. B. at Gagny & 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Train Hqs Florence.

During move a great deal of trouble was caused by breakage in motor transport owing principally to bad roads but also to inexperienced drivers.

18th S.A.H. Sect Communication arranged to 12<sup>th</sup> Aust Army TABde at Florence.

19th In 'I' class horses offered for sale in Dinant. Of these 9 were sold.

20th S.A.H. Sect Line arranged to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Pioneer Bn at Weille.

21st Quota of 19 from this Coy concentrated at Coy Hqs Gerpinnes for despatch to 'A' Div Reinforcement Wing on 21<sup>st</sup>.

22nd No 2 Section Line laid to 13<sup>th</sup> Composite Bn.

23rd S.A.H. Sect All C.W. Wireless Sets dismantled & withdrawn.



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21<sup>st</sup> Quosa cro 19 comprising 3 officers + 66 other ranks marched out to 'A' Div Reinforcement Wing en route to Australia.  
2 SALH Sect 10<sup>th</sup> + 11<sup>th</sup> Aust FA Bdes move to Nettet with Headquarters together. The Signal Office run with combined personnel. Communication by DR. + 12<sup>th</sup> B. A. C.

22<sup>nd</sup> SALH Sect 12<sup>th</sup> Army Bde, move to Morialme.

23<sup>rd</sup> On this day the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Divisions amalgamated under the command of Major-General G. Sinclair MacLagan C. B., D.S.O.  
In accordance with above the 1<sup>st</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Signal Companies were amalgamated under the command of Major G. H. Joseph M. C. Certain personnel from 1<sup>st</sup> Aust Div Signal Coy were attached with others 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Sig. Co at Gertinne. The combined company was known as 1/4 Aust Div Signal Coy.

24<sup>th</sup> Four 'X' Class horses despatched to Evamur for transfer to base.  
25<sup>th</sup> On this day the 4<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup> Brigades having combined No 3 Section was withdrawn + demobilized. This section had been attached to 12<sup>th</sup> Aust Inf Bde since formation in 1916. The personnel were distributed between others +



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no 2 Section. This Section is the first to be officially broken up in the 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Sig Co. The stores of the Section were withdrawn completely.

24<sup>th</sup> Sect Office closed. Another Chateau<sup>0930</sup> Section moved by Major Lory to Gougnies office reopened 1200. Communication to Bdes by Major & R. etc. G & B line taken over for communication to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div. Lines run to 4<sup>th</sup> N. G & B 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Aust J. A Bdes amalgamate 6 A + 6 B Subsection remain with combined brigades.

26<sup>th</sup> Personnel of W/I Section posted to Helio Section + W/I Section ceases to be a Section.

26<sup>th</sup> no 1 Section line arranged from Div Helio to Messet for 10/11<sup>th</sup> Army Bde + from Messet to Morialme for 12<sup>th</sup> Army Army Bde.

26<sup>th</sup> Sect. Remainder of CW Wireless Personnel attached to this section were returned to their units.

27<sup>th</sup> Eleven 'L' Class horses offered for sale at Florennes. All animals were sold. This left 1 horse + 8 mules in this company.

no 2 Sect. Line arranged to 45<sup>th</sup> Comfourt Bde.

28<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Sect Line arranged from Messet to 4<sup>th</sup> Aust D. A. C.

29 Two Officers marched out on transport duty to Australia



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29<sup>th</sup> The remaining personnel <sup>of 57+58 Subsection</sup> were transferred to Hls + DA Sections but to work exchange at Messes, C.V.O. Two Swiss Operators + two linemen were left.

30<sup>th</sup> Quota CV 25 comprising two Officers + 41 other Ranks marched out to Reinforcement Wing en route to Australia.

Appendices

- (1) Calligraph of Traffic
- (2) Instruction for amalgamation of 1<sup>st</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> Div Sig Coys.
- (3) Instruction for Amalgamation of cos 2 + 3 Section
- (4) Examples of Gallant Deeds of members of 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Sig Co as supplied for Signal Service History of the war
- (5) Instructions of 4<sup>th</sup> A.S. Bde Signal re amalgamation.
- (6) List of Subscribers 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div Hls
- (7) Time Table of D.P.S. runs.
- (8) ~~Diagram of lines~~
- (9) Summary of Events March 1919



- War Diary April 1919

1919  
 April 1st of Aus Divisional Hqs  
 Hqs & No. 1 Section  
 No. 2 Section  
 No. 3 Section  
 No. 4 Section  
 Hqs. R.A. Detachment

Gerpines  
 " "  
 Larcienas  
 Cognac  
 Larcienas  
 " "

2<sup>nd</sup>. On Amalgamation of 13 adpts of Aus Div Army the Hqs of 13 Bde. ceased to function as such and no. 4 section of this Company which had been attached thereto ceased. The formation of the Bde. & Personnel were transferred to Hqs and no. 2 sections  
 Leave this from 4/12<sup>th</sup> Bde Hqs. to 45. Campsite Fatten

4. No. 5 Section was withdrawn from 4 Aus M G Bde and personnel transferred to Hqs Section and remainder of stores withdrawn from the section

5. Leave from 4/12<sup>th</sup> ad Bde. dis to 15 ad Bde. OK at noon

6. Quota 2030 which included 3 NCOs and 10 ORs from 4 Aus Div Signal Coy marched out to Recept. being for return to Australia

DA Hqs. detached line to CRB dis. 11:30 am and repaired. 13:30.

7. DA Hqs. 1 line to Division dis 10:30. OK 14:00. line to 13 Bde. Bde dis 13:50. OK 18:00 line to CRB. dis and repaired. 200 yards of the line was removed by Belgian. Civilians. The CRB. moved to Gagnier and was provided with line to M. Gen. Bde 13 ad. Bde. Bde line dis



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1919

April 8. On the date upon instructions from A Group  
Dimensional Hqs. Lumber towing bar on  
Chaise to this unit was parked with Division  
Hqs. Cars for use by them

DASH Detach. 10/11 Hde. DASH line dis. 0900  
ok. 1100. 13 Hde. Gattas still out of order.

9. 8 mules despatched to Chatelet for inspection  
prior to sale by auction on 10. inst

DASH Hqs. in Gen Gattas line, dis. 0930 ok 1000  
13 Hde. Gattas line, ok. 1100

10. 8 mules sold by auction at Chatelet this Redun  
the number of animals on strength of this unit  
to 1 Hde 2 Class.

11. 4/12 DASH office closed at Larvigne 0900  
reopened. 1400 500 communication with  
DASH and to 13 and 45 Carports Gattas

12. DASH Detach. units under the Hqs moved  
as follows. 10/11 DASH Hde Mettet to Bezy  
12 Army Hde. and 12 Hde. from Morialme  
to Viller. Poteries 4 DASH from Besmer  
to Johancet. 13 Hde Gattas from Sarteneuville to  
Aizean, telephone. Communication to this new position  
arranged by no. section. Communication established  
with 12 Army Hde. at 1400. Going to break down  
in transport during move of 10/11 DASH Hdes  
technical equipment of this unit did not  
arrive this day. Communication carried out  
by motor. Communication to all other  
units by two DASH. Juns. per. day. 0900 and 1500

13. 12 DASH. marched out for return to Achatin  
with Quota 2035 this reducing this unit to A  
 Cadre. strength DASH Detach. Telephone and  
Communication established with 10/11 DASH Hde  
4 DASH and 13 DASH Hde Gattas at 2000



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- April 15. 3rd Bde. Btt, hse. dis ok again at 1100.
- 15 Following stores returned to DADA demob store, Chataleau, wagons, lumbered 5 wagons. 15 RB's parts matter 2 parts water, two Lorry loads of cycles and miscellaneous equipment No H.I. of the unit is now completely demobilised.
- 16 Leave from 4th Hqs to 4th AD Bde. Hqs. employed.
18. Crossley's Fox Car. and Portable Electric Light set and Lorry attached to this unit returned to 4th Aus M G Coy DADA. Details orders received to the effect that DADA would cease to function as such at 1400 on 19th. alterations in telephone communication made as follows. 4 Aus M G Btt to 4th Aus Div. 2 and 4 ADA to 10th ADA Bde. 12 Army Bde to 10th ADA Bde.
19. 4th Divisional Hqs. ceased to function as such the remaining units of 4 Aus Div were grouped under the command of General Duke Brockton C.M.G. DSO and were known as 4th Bde Group with Hqs at Acroz. Bde was administered by G. Div Hqs. Marcinelle, Exchange was maintained at Geopieres and this remained the communication centre, DADA. The Hqs of 4 Aus Div ceased to function as such and were reduced to cadre. Personnel of this section were transferred to Hqs. section.
20. Leave run from 4th AD Bde. Hqs. to 10th ADA Bde. at 11 am.
21. 5 obs. marched out for return to Australia with Quota 1000.
22. The remaining staff of 4 Divisional Hqs. moved to Chatelet and were served by Exchange mess at Chatelet by personnel of 1st Aus Div Sig Co.



- War Diary April 1919 -

- Apr 25. Hqs 4th Section moved to Chatlet office, closed  
Services 10.00  
No. 1 section line arranged from 4/4 Bde. Hqs to  
Chatlet Exchange M.S. Gatter put this to 10/11 A.S. Bde,  
Chatlet Exchange, managed by equal. of personnel  
of 1st and 4th Aus Div. Siglys. Although Aus Corps  
Siglys and 4th Aus Div had been advised of the  
move to Chatlet no. line was available to  
either of these exchanges communication was  
carried out by D.R.H. Line to 13 Bde. Gatter  
dis. ok again at 11.00
26. Communication to Hqs 4/4 Aus Bde. group and  
10/11 A.S. Bde. group was interrupted by Corps  
line man taking lines for use previously used by  
us. and no. notification received of their  
intention eventually line was obtained to Aus  
Corps. two 10/11 A.S. Bde. Exchange, three to 4th  
Div
27. Air line route between Chatlet and Marcinelle  
reconnected but no. line available Major C.H.  
Joseph m.c. left the unit for a few days employed  
in U.K. Captain V.D. Rowan. m.c. took over  
command of 4th Aus Div Siglys
28. Hqs 4/4 Aus Bde group taken over. Col. R. Brown  
D.S.O. No. 2 section which had been attached  
to 4th A.S. Bde since its formation in 1914 ceased  
to exist and personnel transferred to 289 section  
No. 1 section line laid by cable from Chatlet  
to 4th Div Exchange. Marcinelle distance 8 Kilos
29. Lines arranged. D.A. Co. Troop, and 12/11  
Bde Gatter
30. Exchange still maintained at 10/11 A.S. Bde to  
accommodate 4th D.A. Co. Aus Corps & M.S. Gatter  
and 12/11 A.S. Bde Gatter 1 riding horse handed over to 1st  
Aus Div train thus completing the demob. of all horses  
and mules.



- Mar. Diary. 1919. April

Leaf of Appendix -

1/ Paragraph of Traffic  
2/ Summary of Events



- War Diary May 19.

- 1919  
 May 1. Group. 279. Spatelet Shes. Yarns. 1. 100000.  
 2. One lorry load. technical gear returned to D.A.D.  
 6. 13. Cycles. Motor to 4 Aus M.S. Coy.  
 8. 5 " " returned to 4 Aus M.S. Coy.  
 Clearance obtained for all stores returned to D.A.D.  
 9. 2. Cycles. Motor returned to 4 Aus M.S. Coy. 1. Thosny.  
 Lorry. returned to 4 Aus M.S. Coy. List of detached  
 personnel. Repair Company.  
 10. At 8 am. unit. ceased to exist all personnel  
 stores horses. Funds. Imprest for transport. being  
 satisfactory accounted for. The remainder of the  
 Company. comprising 4. off. 5 MCO. and 48. OR.  
 including Capt. G. proceeded to St. Di. Reijfel  
 Camp. Spalera. to join. Quota, no 5. for.  
 return to Australia. The unit has been attached  
 to 4 Aus. Division since its inception on 16 March  
 1916. It had been represented in the following  
 battles in France and Flanders. Somme. Sept-  
 October 1916. Advance on. Hindenburg line Feb  
 March 1917. Bullecourt. April 1917. Heijnes June 1917  
 Ypres. August 1917. Passchendaele. Sept Oct.  
 November 1917. Dernancourt 27 March 1918. and  
 5 April 1918. Hebuterne. April 1918. Retaking of  
 Villers. Pettonens. May 1918. Villers. Pettonens,  
 onwards. Aug 8 1918 and subsequent advance to  
 the Somme. Hindenburg outpost line Sept. 1918  
 Hindenburg line. Sept. & October 1918. Juncourt  
 Montebrehan. Fremont. Suigney. Crossing of  
 Lelle. River. Hazell. L'annoy and the crossing  
 of the Canal de la. Lambry. a. Oise.  
 The last units of the Company withdrew  
 from the line on 4 November 1918.



man wants 2 small lights instead of 1 big one.



1. 4 Bde
2. 5 DAs
3. S.O.I.
4. S.O.C.
5. G. Staff
6. Aoms
7. Q. Staff
8. Cpl sum (2) 13 Bde rear (3)
9. Fund Esc.
10. 4 Bde
11. 13 "
12. 13 "
13. Aust Corps
14. Left Div.
15. 59 Labour Coy ✓
16. 12 Bde ✓
17. 4 Bde rear
18. Aust Corps
19. Aust Corps
20. Right Div
21. S.A.D.S.
22. Saa sum (2) 5 DAs (3)
23. A. trans
24. Div Train
25. 5<sup>th</sup> Pioneers.
26. Ord. Room (2) Off. mess (3)
27. H. Special Coy RE
28. C.R.E.
29. 4 M.G. Bns
30. 5<sup>th</sup> D.A.

4<sup>th</sup> Pioneers thro. 13<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde  
 4<sup>th</sup> D.A. .. 19<sup>th</sup> Corps.



# MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

No. of Message .....

Prefix..... Code..... in	Words.	Charge.	This message is on a/c of :	Recd. at .....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions.	Sent			Service.
	At.....m.			From .....
	To .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By .....
	By .....			

TO { SIGS 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div Army

Sender's Number. * 1091	Day of Month. 6	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Reference GR 23887 AAA Please  
and 4 DIII S  
return 8 magneto phones, and  
new estab AAA 2 Buzzers  
units to be retained  
by you on loan but  
not to be shown on Estab  
AAA These are required  
at once

From Sigis AYD  
Place  
Time

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



FORWARD EXCHANGE.  
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1. 13th. Artillery Bde. ✓
2. 4th. Infantry Bde. ✓
3. 5th. D.A.
4. *cf. above. FF (last page)*
5. ~~13th. Infantry Bde.~~ ✓
6. 4th. Field Coy. ✓
7. ~~13th.~~ Division. ✓
8. 4th. M.G. Bn. ✓
9. 14th. Artty. Bde' - Div. O.P. through 14th. A. Bde.
10. Junction Line. ✓

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1. 50th. En. x 12th. Inf. Bde.

2. F.Z. *RUSA*

3.

4. ~~13th.~~ 15th. M.G. Coy. ~~12th. M.G. Coy.~~ ,

5. 13th. A.F.A.

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