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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

1st June, 1918.

ARRIVALS.

825. Headquarters 73rd Brigade R.G.A. moves from ST OUEN R.A. Area to Australian Corps Area on 4th June to relieve Headquarters 57th Brigade R.G.A.
826. 69th Brigade R.G.A. (9.2" How.) moves from RIVIERE R.A. Area to Australian Corps Area on 6th June to relieve 65th Brigade R.G.A.
827. 169th Army Brigade R.F.A. moves from ST OUEN R.A. Area to Australian Corps Area on 7th June to relieve 77th Army Brigade R.F.A.
828. 27th Brigade R.G.A. (Mixed) moves from RIVIERE R.A. Area to Australian Corps Area on 8th June to relieve 6th Brigade R.G.A.
829. 99th Australian Dental Unit is coming from Base to join 3rd Army Brigade Aust. Field Artillery.
830. 100th Australian Dental Unit is coming from Base to join 3rd Australian Divl. Ammunition Column.

DEPARTURES.

831. Headquarters 57th Brigade R.G.A. moves from Australian Corps Area to RIVIERE R.A. Area on 6th June, after relief by Headquarters 73rd Brigade. Unit comes under orders O.C., Army Artillery Rest Area on 7th June.
832. 77th Army Brigade R.F.A. moves from Australian Corps Area to ST OUEN R.A. Area on 9th June, after relief by 169th Army Brigade R.F.A. Will be administered by O.C., Army Artillery Rest Area commencing 10th June.
833. 65th Brigade R.G.A. moves from Australian Corps Area to RIVIERE R.A. Area on 10th June, after relief by 69th Brigade R.G.A. Will be administered by O.C., Army Artillery Rest Area commencing 11th June.
834. 6th Brigade R.G.A. moves from Australian Corps Area to RIVIERE R.A. Area on 12th June, after relief by 27th Brigade R.G.A. Will be administered by O.C., Army Artillery Rest Area commencing 13th June.
835. 6th Regiment, U.S. Engineers, will shortly leave Australian Corps.

MOVES.

836. Headquarters 5th Australian Division moves from EUSSY les DAOURS to COISY on 2nd June, and not as stated in "Q" Summary 811.

*A. Kinsley*  
Lieut. Colonel,  
A.Q.M.G.  
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

2nd June, 1918.

INFORMATION.

837. The Australian Corps School will shortly be moved from MERCKEGHEM and VOLKERINGKHOVE in SECOND ARMY Area to the vicinity of RUE (due West of FORET de GRECY).

DEPARTURES :-

838 Further to "Q" Summary 835, 6th Regiment U.S. Engineers, located as shown below, will shortly rejoin its Division.

- H.Q. GORENFLOS "D" Coy. LONG.
- "A" Coy. QUERRIEU "E" Coy. FRANVILLERS.
- "B" Coy. PIERREGOT. "F" Coy. BUSSY-les-DAOURS.
- "C" Coy. FRESHECOURT.

The whole Regiment will be concentrated in REIANCOURT Area on 5th June, prior to entrainment, and will continue to be administered by Australian Corps until departure.

839 700th Labor Coy. moves by lorry from Sh. 62/D N.31.a.4.6. (MANOR COPSE) to III Corps Area on 3rd June; tents and rations for consumption 5th are being taken.

MOVES :-

840 Aust. Corps Cyclist Battn. moved from ALLONVILLE to SH.62/D. B.20.c.8.8. (ST GRATIEN WOOD) on 31st May.

841 4th Aust. M.T.Coy. moved from ALLONVILLE to ST SAUVEUR on 31st May.

842 5th Aust. M.T.Coy. moved from ST SAUVEUR to RAINY CROSS ROADS Sh.62/D. G.3.d.8.2. on 31st May.

843 The following Army Brigade Park Sections moved from ALLONVILLE to Sh.62/D. G.3.d.8.2. on attachment to 5th Aust. M.T.Coy. on 31st May.

- No.3 Aust. Park Section.
- No. 5 R.H.A. " "
- No.16 R.H.A. " "

844 Det. 114th Labor Coy. moved from BOIS MADAME to Sh.62/D. I.1 - central (South of BOIS de PARMENT) on 29th May.

845 Det. 83rd Labor Coy. moves from SALEUX to Sh. 62/D. N.31.a.4.6. (MANOR COPSE) on 3rd June for work under 172 Tunnelling Coy. Rations from 90th Labor Coy.

ARRIVALS :-

846 Ref. "Q" Summary 769, H.Q. and One Section 543 Siege Battery arrived at CROUY on 1st June. Supplies from 4th Army Troops M.T. Coy.

SUPPLIES :-

847 Ref. "Q" Summary 825 and 831, <sup>403</sup> 73rd Bde. R.G.A. draws supplies from C.T.A.T. Coy. POULAINVILLE commencing 5th for consumption 6th. H.Q. 57th Bde. R.G.A. will move out with rations for consumption 8th June.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS :- 4th June.

848	Australian Corps Troops.	-	AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	2nd & 5th Australian Divisions.		POULAINVILLE.
	3rd Australian Division.		AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	4th Australian Div. (less Arty).		AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	4th Aust. Div. Artillery		PONT REMY.

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A. Q. H. G. Lt. Colonel.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

3rd June, 1918.

DEPARTURES.

849. 4th Australian Divisional Artillery moves to LONG R.A. Area on 3rd and 4th June, and not as stated in "Q" Summary 975. Otherwise no amendment to previous arrangements.

SUPPLIES.

850. Reference "Q" Summary 826, 69th Brigade R.C.A. will draw supplies from XIX Corps Troops for last time on 5th June, and from Aust. C.T.M.T. Coy. at POULAINVILLE commencing 6th.

851. Commencing 6th June, the following re-arrangement of supplies will take effect at Railheads -

77th Army Bde.R.F.A. draws from 4th Aust.Division.  
179th Army Bde.R.F.A. draws from 3rd Aust.Division.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS.

852.	Aust. Corps Troops	...	AILLY sur SOMME.
	2nd & 5th Aust.Divns.	...	POULAINVILLE.
	3rd Aust. Division	...	AILLY sur SOMME.
	4th Aust. Division (less Artillery)	...	AILLY sur SOMME.
	4th Aust. Div. Artillery	...	PONT REMY.

LOCATIONS.

853. 114th and 117th Horse Drawn Pigeon Lofts -  
Sh.02/D.N.25.d.7.8 (COMMON COPSE).

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Major,  
D. A. Q. L. G.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

4th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

854 A Location List showing all Corps and Army Troops attached is being issued to-day.

All recipients are requested to notify this office of amendments or additions as they occur.

ARRIVALS :-

855 "Q" Summary 827, reference arrival of 169th Army Brigade R.F.A. is cancelled.

DEPARTURES :-

856 "Q" Summary 832, reference departure of 77th Army Brigade R.F.A. is cancelled.

MOVES :-

857 Personnel of 374th Siege Battery (12" How.) moving from Aust. Corps Area to VAUX on AMIENOIS on 6th June will continue to be administered by Australian Corps, but will work under FOURTH ARMY.

858 17th Armoured Car Tank Battn. moved from LA HOUSSEYE to neighbourhood of DURY on 4th June, and remains for the present under the orders of 5th Tank Brigade.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS :-

859	Aust. Corps Troops	...	...	AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	2nd & 5th Aust. Divisions			POULAINVILLE.
	3rd Australian Division.			AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	4th Aust. Division (less Artillery)			AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	4th Aust. Div. Artillery			PONT REMY.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

6th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

830 The Corps Light Railway Officer (Lieut. A. L. TIBB) is now established at No. 32 FLESSELLES Road, BERTANGLES.

DEPARTURES :-

861 Further to "Q" Summary 838, 6th Regiment U.S. Engineers entrains at ALLY-sur-SOMME on 8th June - destination MONTMIRAIL south of CHATEAU THIERRY.

MOVES :-

862 No. 3 Balloon Section moved on 3rd June to Sh. 62/D. N. 11. c. 6. 7. on BOIS des CAILLOUX - VECQUEMONT Road.

863 No. 29 Balloon Section moved on 3rd June to Sh. 62/D H. 27. d. 9. 9, west of QUERRIEU-BUSSY Road.

864 The Detachment 14th Labor Coy. at ST GRATIEN moved to rejoin its Coy. H.Q. at BOIS DOMART on 6th June.

865 60 men from Detachment 49th Labor Coy. move by lorry from HAVERNAS WOOD to BOIS des CAILLOUX on 7th June for work under 172 Tunnelling Coy.

866 Detachment 83rd Labor Coy. moved from SALEUX Station to Sh. 62/D. M. 36. d. 5. 5. (FORT MANOIR FARM) on 3rd June.

LOCATIONS :-

- 867 146th A.A. Section ("P" A.A. Bty) Sh. 57/E. V. 19. b. 8. 8. MIN de PIERRE, near FLIXECOURT.
- No. 17 A.A. Searchlight Section Sh. 62/D A. 14. a. BELLEVUE.
- No. 3 Aust. M.T. Coy. H.Q. and Sh. 62/D G. 4. c. RAINY CROSS RDS. Park. Sh. 62/E R. 31. a. 1. 8. SALEUX.
- No. 14, 23, 86, 179 Army Bde. Park Sh. 62/E R. 31. a. 1. 8. SALEUX. Sections, att. No. 3 Aust. M.T. Coy.
- No. 96 Army Bde. Park Section Sh. 62/D A. 27. c. 3. 3. COISY attached No. 2 Aust. M.T. Coy.
- H.Q. 23rd Army Bde. R.F.A. Sh. 62/D O. 13. c. 3. 9. BLANGY-TRONVILLE- AUBIGNY Road.
- H.Q. 86th Army Bde. R.F.A. Sh. 62/D N. 8. d. 3. 3. THE SPINNEY.
- 193rd Labor Coy. Sh. 62/D N. 31. a. 3. 6. (MANOR COPSE).

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Major.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.  
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7th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

868 17th Armoured Car Tank Battn. will be administered by XXII Corps from 7th June.

DEPARTURES :-

869 Reference "Q" Summary 838 and 861, 6th Regiment U.S. Engineers will not entrain until 9th June. Supplies for consumption 12th are being taken.

870 110th Regiment U.S. Engineers, previously located at COISY entrains at AILLY-sur-SOMME on 8th June on transfer to another Army.

MOVES :-

871 H.Q. V/Aust. H.T.M. Battery moved on 6th June to Billet No. 7 QUERRIEU. Sh.62/D. H.17.a.2.3.

SUPPLIES :-

872 Reference "Q" Summary 828, 27th Bde. R.G.A. draws supplies from Aust. Corps Troops pack commencing 8th May.

873 Reference "Q" Summary 833, 65th Bde. R.G.A. draws supplies from Aust. Corps Troops pack for last time on 10th June - from XIX Corps Troops PONT REMY commencing 11th.

874 Reference "Q" Summary 834, 6th Bde. R.G.A. draws supplies from Aust. Corps Troops pack for last time on 12th June - from XIX Corps Troops PONT REMY commencing 13th.

LOCATIONS :-

875 5th Aust. Sanitary Section. Sh.62/D. G.33.d.8.4. LES ALENCONS-AMIENS Road.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.  
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8th June 1918.

DEPARTURES :-

876 "Q" Summary 869 is cancelled. Reference "Q" Summary Nos. 838 and 861, 6th Regiment U.S. Engineers entrains at SALEUX on 10th June. Supplies for consumption 13th are being taken.

SUPPLIES :-

877 "Q" Summary 874 is cancelled. Reference "Q" Summary 834, 6th Bde. R.G.A. draws supplies from Aust. Corps Troops pack for last time on 15th June - from XIX Corps Troops at PONT REMY on 16th June.

878 5th Army Bde. R.H.A. is rationed by 5th Aust. Division and not as shown in "Q" Location List.

879 714th Labor Coy. and H.Q. 67th Labor Group will be rationed from C.T.M.T. Coy. dump POULAINVILLE in futuro.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS :-

880	Aust. Corps Troops	...	...	AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	2nd & 5th Aust. Divisions			POULAINVILLE.
	3rd Australian Division			AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	4th Aust. Division (less Artillery)			AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	4th Aust. Div. Artillery			PONT REMY.

LOCATIONS :-

881	44th A.A. Section ("F" Battery)	Sh. 62/D.N.12.b.6.6.	STOP COPSE.
	57th A.A. Section ("F" Battery)	" C.23.c.2.2.	FRANVILLERS.
	110th A.A. Section ("F" Battery)	" G.32.a.5.5.	N. of RIVERY.
	127th A.A. Section ("F" Battery)	" M. 5.c.9.7.	BARNEY CROSS ROADS.
	H.Q. "G" A.A. Battery.	Sh. 62/E.L.35.b.5.3.	N. of AMIENS CITADELLE.
	31st A.A. Section ("G" Battery)	" 62/D.M.29.a.4.1.	LONGUEAU.
	46th A.A. Section ("G" Battery)	" 62/E.K.35.b.6.8.	DREUIL les AMIENS.
	82nd A.A. Section ("G" Battery)	" 62/D.M.29.a.4.1.	LONGUEAU.
	137th A.A. Section ("G" Battery)	" 62/D.N.20.c.	GLISY.
	Area Cmt. ALLONVILLE Area.	" 62/D.G.12.a.2.5.	BOIS de MAI.
	Det. 15th G.H.Q. M.T. Coy.	" 62/D.A.22.d.8.0.	RAINNEVILLE.

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Major.



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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

9th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

882 No.2 Tank Battn. (Mark V) is now allotted to III Corps.  
One Coy. No.13 Tank Battn. (Mark V) has been allotted to Australian Corps.

883 The timing of R0cade 23 which conveys leave men from ABBEVILLE to BOULOGNE is amended to depart at 8.24, and arrive at BOULOGNE at 12.52. (Reference "Q" Summary 800).

DEPARTURES :-

884 714th Labor Coy. moves from Australian Corps Area to III Corps Area (Sh.57/D. U.27.a.5.9.) on 10th June. Supplies from III Corps (18th Division) from 11th inclusive.

MOVES :-

885 No.13 Army Bde. Park Section moved from RAINY CROSS ROADS to COISY on attachment to No.2 Australian M.T.Coy. on 9th June.

886 No.150 Army Bde. Section moved from ST SAUVEUR to RAINY CROSS ROADS, on attachment to No.5 Australian M.T.Coy. on 9th June.

887 No.298 Army Bde. Park Section moved from ST SAUVEUR to RAINY CROSS ROADS on attachment to No.5 Australian M.T.Coy. on 9th June.

LOCATIONS :-

888 H.Q. 13th Tank Battn. (Mark V)	Sh.62/D. B.28.	Central ST GRATIEN-FRECHENCOURT Road.
One Coy. " " "	Sh.62/D. C.26.	Central. FRESH COPSE.
38th Area Signal Det.	Sh.62/D. C.29.c.0.2.	FRANVILLERS.
C.R.E., R.Z.D. (South)	Sh.62/D. N.31.a.5.7.	MANOR COPSE.
2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.	Sh.62/D. H.14.b.2.0.	QUERRIEU WOOD.
H.Q. 21st Bde. R.G.A.	Sh.62/D. N.14.b.5.4.	CHOUX WOOD.
H.Q. 68th Bde. R.G.A.	Sh.62/D. N. 7.b.2.6.	LISTEN COPSE.
H.Q. 69th Bde. R.G.A.	Sh.62/D. O. 2.a.9.6.	Fme. du QUAI, a FAGOT.

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Major.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

INFORMATION :-

11th June 1918.

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The Bridge between METIGNY and LALEU (South of AIRAINNES) is broken and dangerous. All traffic will be diverted until further orders.

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The road MOLLIENS au BOIS - BEAUCOURT will be open to traffic from 13th June inclusive.

ARRIVALS :-

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A Detachment of 40 lorries from No.5 G.H.Q. Reserve M.T.Coy. reported on 10th June for temporary duty under S.M.T.O. and are located at Sh.62/D. A.22.d.8.C. (RAINNEVILLE), attached No.5 Aust. M.T.Coy.

DEPARTURES :-

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The detachment of lorries on loan from No.15 G.H.Q. Reserve M.T.Coy. have left Aust. Corps Area and returned to unit.

MOVES :-

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The following moves of Labor Units are notified :-

7th June.	H.Q. 61 Labor Group.	to Sh.62/E. R.36.c.5.5.	AMIENS-ST FUSCIE
			Road.
7th June	Det. 59th Labor Coy.	to Sh.62/E. B.36.d.5.8.	FORT MANOIR FME.
8th June	H.Q. 743 Area Emp.Coy.	to " " G.29.d.	LES ALENCONS.
12th June	193rd Labor Coy.	to Sh.62/E. Q.35.d.2.2.	SALEUX STN.
12th June	Det.59th Labor Coy.	to Sh.62/D. N.34.c.Cent.	TRONVILLE WOOD.
12th June	83rd Labor Coy.	to site nr.62/D. N.31.a.3.1.	MONOR COPSE.

SUPPLIES :-

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Nos.29 and 54 Sqdns. R.A.F. (23rd Wing) located near VIGNACOURT will be rationed by Aust. C.T.M.T.Coy. at POULAINVILLE commencing 12th June

LOCATIONS :-

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H.Q. 298th Army Bde. R.F.A.	Sh.62/D. I.30.c.2.1.	CORBIE-BONNAY Road.
H.Q. 86th Army Bde. R.F.A.	" J.13.d.0.5.	near HEILLY STN.
H.Q. 16th Army Bde. R.H.A.	" J. 4.c.3.3.	MERICOURT.
H.Q. 5th Army Bde. R.H.A.	" J.19.d.3.4.	CORBIE-VAUX Road.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

13th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

896 59th Labor Coy. will be transferred from 63 to 67 Labor Group at midnight 12/13th June.

897 Baths have been opened at LA HOUSOYE, Sh.62d. I.3. e.4.8.

ARRIVALS :-

898 No.18 Light Railway Train Crew Coy. detrains at POULAINVILLE on 14th June on transfer to FOURTH ARMY for work under A.D.L.F.4. To be administered by Australian Corps. Supplies from C.T.M.T.Coy. at POULAINVILLE commencing 16th June.

899 H.Q. and One Battalion 108th Regiment American Engineers arrived in Australian Corps Area on 13th June from 19th Corps for work under C.F. The Unit will be distributed as follows :-

- H.Q. QUERRIEU WOOD.
  - One Company BOIS de PARENT.
  - One Company Sh.62/D. N.9.d. BOIS de CAILLOUX
  - One Company Sh.62/D. N.35.a.
- Supplies from C.T.M.T.Coy. at POULAINVILLE commencing 14th June.

MOVES :-

900 "K" Working Coy. moves on 13th inst from QUERRIEU SOUTH avoiding Road to the vicinity of LA NOTTE - BREBIERE for work under A.D.Signals.

901 No.102 Chinese Labor Coy. moved from near BERTANGLES QUERRIEU to Sh.62/E. L.2.b. and d. on 12th June, and continues to be rationed by C.T.M.T. Coy. at POULAINVILLE.

SUPPLIES :-

902 Reference "Q" Summary 894, Nos. 29 and 54 Squadron R.A.F. will be rationed by R.S.O. VIGNACOURT commencing 14th June.

903 A4 Defence Coy. located near MONTIERES is being rationed by C.T.M.T.Coy. at SALOUEL commencing 13th June.

904 146th Chinese Labor Coy. located at Sh.62/E. L.22.central (N.E. of BERTRICOURT) is being rationed by C.T.M.T. Coy. at POULAINVILLE, commencing 13th instant.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS :-

905 Aust. Corps Troops	.....	AILLY-sur-SOINE
2nd & 5th Aust. Divisions	.....	POULAINVILLE
3rd Australian Division	"	AILLY-sur-SOINE
4th Aust. Division (less Artillery)	"	AILLY-sur-SOINE
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.		PONT REY.

LOCATIONS :-

906 H.Q. 5th Army Bde. R.H.A.	Sh.62/D. H.23. b. 5.2.	S. of QUERRIEU
H.Q. 16th Army Bde. R.H.A.	Sh.62/D. H.34. c. 0.0.	BUSSY-les-DAONERS.
H.Q. 179th Army Bde. R.F.A.	Sh.62/D. N.18. d. 7.5.	BLANCHE-TRONVILLE - AUBIGNY Road.
H.Q. 298th Army Bde. R.F.A.	Sh.62/D. I.21. h. 5.8.	BOIS ESCARDONNEUSE

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14th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

907 5th Aust. Div. (less Artillery) completes the relief of 2nd Aust. Div. (less Artillery) by 10a.m. on 16th June, at which time Divl. H.Q. will be established as follows :-  
 H.Qrs. 2nd Australian Division - COISY.  
 H.Qrs. 5th Australian Division - ST GRATIEN.

ARRIVALS :-

908 189th Army Bde. R.F.A. (less "C" Bty) moves from HALLENCOURT R.A.Area to Australian Corps Area by road on 15th and 16th June, staging in ST OUEN R.A.Area. To be administered by Australian Corps commencing 16th June. Supplies from 4th Aust. Division commencing 16th.

909 59th Siege Battery R.G.A. moves from HALLENCOURT R.A. Area to Australian Corps Area by road on 15th and 16th June staging in ST OUEN R.A.Area; to be administered by Australian Corps commencing 16th June. Supplies from Aust. C.T. Coy. commencing 16th.

910 One Section No.4 Siege Coy. R.A.R.E. arrived at LONELY CORSE Sh.62/D. G.14.a.3.4. on 14th June for work on G.H.Q. Defences. Supplies from C.T.M.T. Coy. FOULAINVILLE commencing 15th June.

DEPARTURES :-

911 77th Army Bde. R.F.A. leaves Aust. Corps Area on 18th June on transfer to 4th Army R.A.Rest Area, staging night 18/19th at ST OUEN R.A.Area. Will be administered by O.C. R.A.Rest Area commencing 19th June. Supplies from 4th Aust. Div. last time on 18th June; from PONT REMY on 19th and subsequently.

912 222nd Siege Bty. R.G.A. (6" Gun Mk.VII) leaves Australian Corps Area on 20th June on transfer to 4th Army R.A.Rest Area, staging night 20/21st at ST OUEN R.A.Area. Will be administered by O.C. R.A. Rest Area commencing 21st June. Supplies from C.T.M.T. Coy. last time on 20th June; from HALLENCOURT on 21st June and subsequently.

LOCATIONS :-

913 No.18 L.R.Train Crew Coy. Sh.62/D. A.26.d.7.3. COISY WOOD.

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 D. A. Q. H. G. Major.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

16th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

914 The offices of the C.R.E. "A" Sector, and "Q", "A" Sector, G.H.Q. Defence Line, are now located in the WHITE CHATEAU at ARGOEUVES.

915 The Code letters O.A.B. have been allotted to the ammunition railhead at VIGNACOURT.

916 Reference "Q" Summary 677, the village of NERELESSART (near HALLENCOURT) is now available for billeting troops.

ARRIVALS :-

917 Two Sections 511 Siege Battery (6" How) left HAVRE by rail on 16th June for Australian Corps. On arrival, the Sections will be allotted to 153rd and 260th Siege Batteries, and will be administered by Australian Corps commencing 17th June.

918 One Section 512nd Siege Battery (6" How) left HAVRE by rail on 16th June for Australian Corps. On arrival the section will be allotted to 354th Siege Battery, and will be administered by Australian Corps commencing 17th June.

919 On arrival of 189th Army Brigade R.F.A. Park Section, this Section will park with No.4 Aust. M.T.Coy. at ST SAUVEUR.

DEPARTURES :-

920 77th Army Bde. R.F.A. Park Section will leave Australian Corps Area for 4th Army R.A. Rest Area with 77th Army Bde.

LOCATIONS :-

921	"K" (Aust) Working Coy.	Sh. 62/D.	N. 16.b.7.4.	CANON.
	H.Q. 14th Army Bde. R.F.A.	"	N. 18.d.8.5.	S. of VECQUE ONT.
	H.Q. 5th Bde. R.G.A.	"	H. 34.b.7.7.	Near BUSSY CHATEAU
	H.Q. 27th Bde. R.G.A.	"	C. 25.b.5.0.	N. of FRESH COUSE.
	H.Q. 86th Army Bde. R.F.A.	"	H. 18.d.7.5.	S. of VECQUE ONT.

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for Major.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

17th June 1918.

ARRIVALS :-

922 4th Australian Div. Artillery moves from 4th Army R.A. Rost Area to Australian Corps Area on 18th and 19th June, staging night 18/19th inst. in ST OUEEN R.A. Area. Will be administered by Australian Corps commencing 19th June, relieving 5th Australian Div. Artillery in the line by 22nd June. Supplies from 4th Aust. Div. pack commencing 19th June, at AILLY-sur-SOMME.

DEPARTURES :-

923 5th Australian Div. Artillery, after relief by 4th Australian Div. Artillery, moves from Australian Corps Area to 4th Army R.A. Rost Area on 23rd and 24th June, staging night 23/24th inst in ST OUEEN R.A. Area. Will be administered by O.C. Army Artillery Rost Area commencing 24th June. Supplies from 4th Australian Div. for last time on 23rd June; from Army Corps "B" at PONT REMY from 24th.

924 The move by 77th Army Bde. R.F.A. ("Q" Summary 911) is postponed 48 hours. Supplies will be drawn from PONT REMY from 21st June inclusive.

MOVES :-

925 "D" Coy. 11th Battn. Canadian Railway Troops moved to Sh. 62/T. B.30.a.8.2. FRECHENCOURT on 16th June.

SUPPLIES :-

926 160th Labor Coy. located at Sh.62/E. L.10.d.8.7., South of BERTANGLES Station, and working on G.H.Q. Defence Line, will be rationed by Aust. C.T.M.T. Coy. at POULAINVILLE commencing 18th June.

927 165th Chinese Labor Coy. located at Sh.62/E. L.11.b.9.9., S.E. of BERTANGLES Station, and working on G.H.Q. Defence Line, will be rationed by Aust. C.T.M.T. Coy. at POULAINVILLE commencing 18th June.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS :- 19th June.

928	Australian Corps Troops	-	AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	2nd Australian Division		POULAINVILLE.
	3rd & 4th Aust. Divisions		AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	5th Aust. Division (less Artillery)		POULAINVILLE.
	5th Aust. Div. Artillery		AILLY-sur-SOMME.

5th Aust. Div. Artillery will be supplied from 4th Army Troops "B" Pack at PONT REMY commencing 24th June.

LOCATIONS :-

929	Aust. Corps Wireless Station	Sh.62/D. G.17.d.4.3.	ALLONVILLE-PT CAMON Road.
	114th H.D. Mobile Pigeon Loft.	Sh.62/D. G.18.d.4.6.	GORGUE WOOD.
	117th H.D. Mobile Pigeon Loft.	Sh.62/D. G.18.d.3.6.	GORGUE WOOD.
	H.Q. 150th Army Bde. R.F.A.	Sh.62/D. I.21.b.5.8.	BOIS ESCARDONNEUSE.
	H.Q. 298th Army Bde. R.F.A.	Sh.62/D. G.30.a.8.3.	CORBIE-VAUX Rd

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

20th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

930 H.Q. 8th Labor Group takes over the administration of the Companies at present under 37th Labor Group at midnight 20/21st June.

ARRIVAL :-

931 227th A.A. Section leaves HAVRE shortly by rail for FOURTH ARMY Area, detraining AILLY-sur-SOIRE. On arrival the Section will be administered by Australian Corps. Located at VAUX-en-AMIENOIS and rationed by Aust. C.T.M.T. Coy. at POULAINVILLE.

MOVES :-

932 14th Labor Coy. moves on 19th June from BOIS DONART to Sh.62/D. H.14. (QUERRIEU WOOD) for work under 2nd Aust. Tunnelling Coy.

933 Det. of 49th Labor Coy. moves from QUERRIEU WOOD to Sh.62/D No.10.c.1.1. (BOIS de CAILLOUX) on 20th June.

SUPPLIES :-

934 54th Labor Group H.Q., located at LONGPRE-les-AMIENS will be rationed by C.T.M.T. Coy at POULAINVILLE commencing forthwith.

LOCATIONS :-

935 H.Q. 9th Bde. R.G.A. Sh.62/D. B.23.b.4.8. ST GRATIEN.  
H.Q. 47th Bde. R.G.A. Sh.62/D. C.23.b.5.7. FRANVILLERS.

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936 Baths have been opened at COISY Sh. 62/D. A. 24. b. 8. 5.

937 14th Labor Coy. will be transferred from 8th to 63rd Labor Group for administration from midnight 22/23rd June.

ARRIVALS. :-938 "A" Machine Gun Battalion (271 and 272 Coys.) moves to Aust. Corps Area by road and rail from XIV Corps on 23rd June. Detraining station is AILLY-sur-SOMME. *Supplies from CTMT Coy. POULAINVILLE*MOVES. :-939 *B 22* Nos. 722 and 729 Labor Companies move on 24th June to near Sh. 62/D. b. 7. 9., FRECHENCOURT. They will be conveyed by Light Railway. On completion of move they will be transferred to 47th Labor Group.940 A detachment (1 Off. 53 O.R.) 15th Labor Coy moved from GORGUE WOOD to Sh. 62/D. G. 3. c. 3. 9., south of COISY, *to-day*.SUPPLIES. :-

941 Aust. Corps Reinforcement Camps will be rationed by 18th Division, instead of 58th as heretofore, commencing 23rd June.

LOCATIONS. :-

942

H.Q. 23rd Army Bde. R.F.A.	Sh. 62/D. N. 18. d. 8. 5.	South of VEQUEMONT.
H.Q. 179th Army Bde. R.F.A.	Sh. 62/D. G. 15. c. 3. 9.	BLANGY-TRONVILLE-ANBIGNY Road.
H.Q. 14th Army Bde. R.F.A.	Sh. 62/D. N. 22. c. 2. 7.	BLANGY-TRONVILLE.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

24th June 1918.

INFORMATION :-

- 943 227th A.A. Section has been posted to "P" Battery.
- 944 No.37 A.A. Section has been transferred from "P" to "C" Battery.
- 945 H.Qrs. VIII Corps will be broken up with effect from 24th June.

DEPARTURES :-

- 946 "A" Machine Gun Battalion is being transferred to III Corps on 26th June, and will be relieved by 4 Machine Gun Coys. of 33rd American Division.
- 947 96th Army Bde. R.F.A., accompanied by Park Section, moves to BOURDON R.A. Area on 25th June. The Brigade entrains at LONGPRE les CORPS SAINTS and PONT REMY on 26th June for transfer to another Army.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS :- 26th June.

948	Australian Corps Troops	-	AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	2nd Australian Division		POULAINVILLE.
	3rd & 4th Aust. Divisions		AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	5th Australian Div. (loss Arty).		POULAINVILLE.
	5th Aust. Div. Artillery		PONT REMY.

Changes on 28th June :-

3rd Aust. Div. (loss Artillery) to POULAINVILLE.  
 2nd Aust. Div. (loss Artillery) to AILLY-sur-SOMME.

- 949 96th Army Bde. R.F.A. on transfer to another Army, will draw for last time from 2nd Aust. Div. pack on 27th June.

LOCATIONS :-

950	A. D. L. R. IV	Sh.57/E. X.13.d.7.0.	N.W. of FLESSELLES.
	Aust. Working Coy.	Sh.62/D. H.34.B.8.8.	BUSSY CHATEAU.
	227th A.A. Section	Sh.62/D. A.21.c.0.5.	COISY.
	H.Q. "A" Machine Gun Battalion	Sh.62/D. H.19.c.9.9.	GORGUE WOOD.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

25th June 1918.

ARRIVALS :-

951 160th Labor Coy. is to be transferred from 19th Corps to Aust. Corps on 27th June for work on light railway construction. Location will be Sh.62/D. H.14.contral.

DEPARTURES :-

952 Reference "Q" Summary 947, destination of 96th Army Bde. R.F.A. is SECOND ARMY.

MOVES :-

953 No. 12 A.A. Section ("P" Battery) moved on 24th June from ROMAN CAMP to Sh.57/E. X.19.a.3.4. (OLINCOURT CHATEAU).

954 No. 37 A.A. Section ("G" Battery) moved on 24th June from OLINCOURT CHATEAU to Sh.62/E. K.2.b.5.5. (ROMAN CAMP).

RELIEF :-

955 2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) relieves 3rd Australian Division (less Artillery) in "A" Divisional Sector and Area on 28th and 29th June, command passing at 10a.m. on 29th June.

On completion of relief H.Q. 2nd and 3rd Australian Divisions will be established at GLISY and COISY respectively.

SUPPLIES :-

956 Reference "Q" Summary 948, "A" Machine Gun Battalion will be rationed by 18th Division (III Corps) commencing 27th June.

957 131st Chinese Labor Coy., located at SAVEUSE will be rationed by C.T.M.T. Coy. SALOUEL commencing 27th June.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS :- 27th June.

958	Australian Corps Troops.	-	-	AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	2nd Australian Division			POULAINVILLE.
	3rd & 4th Australian Divisions			AILLY-sur-SOMME.
	5th Aust. Div. (less Artillery)			POULAINVILLE.
	5th Aust. Divisional Artillery			PONT REMY.

Changes on 28th June :-

3rd Australian Division (less Artillery) to POULAINVILLE

2nd Australian Division (less Artillery) to AILLY-sur-SOMME.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SECOND ARMY.

26th June, 1917.

INFORMATION :-

959. XIX Corps will be transferred shortly to Second Army. At 10 a.m. 26th June XXII Corps will take over from XIX Corps all troops administered by XIX Corps at that date, including those Units working on C.E.C. Defences.

960. A Time-table showing the train service which has been arranged for personnel proceeding on leave to PARIS from the Fourth Army Area is attached.

Leave takers from the Fourth Army will leave the Army Area on the day preceding that on which they should arrive at ROUEN.

On the return journey, men will go into the Reinforcement Camp at ROUEN, and will be forwarded from there to destination by reinforcement trains.

961. Australian Corps School completes transfer from SECOND ARMY Area to CHAMPNEUF FARS, three miles South-west of RUE, on 27th June,

MOVES. -

962. No. 2 Australian M.T. Coy. moves to SABLEUX on 27th June, taking over billets of No. 3 Australian M.T. Coy. which moves to COISY, taking over billets and site occupied by No. 2 Australian M.T. Coy.

Park Sections attached to No. 3 A.M.T. Coy. will be attached to No. 2 A.M.T. Coy.

Park Sections attached to No. 2 A.M.T. Coy. will be attached to No. 3 A.M.T. Coy.

LOCATIONS :-

963. H.Q. 189th Army Brigade R.F.A.

Sq. 62/D. H.33.d.4.0.  
BOIS DOMART - BUSBY Road.

Major.

D.A.Q.M.G.

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LEAVE TO PARIS.TRAIN SERVICE FROM FOURTH ARMY AREA.

From CANAPLES - LONGPRE Line and AMIENS - ABBEVILLE Line by Passenger Train to ABBEVILLE :-

AILLY-SUR-SOMME	...	...	...	dep. 16.23
PICQUIGNY	...	...	...	" 16.40
HANGEST	...	...	...	" 16.53
LONGPRE	...	...	...	arr. 17.05
CANAPLES	...	...	...	dep. 16.32
PERNOIS	...	...	...	" 16.37
ST. LEGER-LES-DOMART..	...	...	...	" 16.44
FLIXECOURT	...	...	...	" 16.55
LONGPRE	...	...	...	arr. 17.11
LONGPRE	...	...	...	dep. 17.11
PONT REMY	...	...	...	" 17.28
ABBENVILLE	...	...	...	arr. 17.42

Thence by Personnel Train from ABBENVILLE to ROUEN at 21.10 due ROUEN at 5.34.

Also by returning Supply Trains to ROMESCAMPS from :-

POULAINVILLE	...	...	...	dep. 14.25.
LONGROY GAMACHES	...	...	...	" 14.00.
VIGNACOURT	...	...	...	" 11.00.
MARTAINNEVILLE	...	...	...	" 22.30.

Forward from ROMESCAMPs by Personnel Train at 2.15, due ROUEN at 5.34. All timings of Return Supply Trains to ROMESCAMPs are liable to variation.

SALEUX:- When there is no Return Supply Train from SALEUX, small parties may travel by French Passenger Train to ROUEN, as under :-

SALEUX	dep. 7.05	ROUEN	arr. 11.54
"	" 18.12	"	" 23.00

All troops travelling on Leave by French Passenger Trains must purchase Railway Tickets, obtainable at reduced Military Rates.

Men will be collected at ROUEN, and special trains will be run from ROUEN to PARIS, and in the reverse direction, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The timings between ROUEN and PARIS are as follows :-

ROUEN (RIVE GAUCHE)	...	...	...	dep. 6.08
PARIS (ST.LAZARE)	...	...	...	arr. 10.55
PARIS (ST.LAZARE)	...	...	...	dep. 14.33
ROUEN (RIVE GAUCHE)	...	...	...	arr. 19.16

In the return journey men will go into the Reinforcement Camps at ROUEN, and be forwarded to destination by Reinforcement Trains.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS "Q" SUMMARY.

28th June, 1918.

INFORMATION.

964. Major A'BECKETT, D.S.O., Corps Agricultural Officer is now located at Rear Headquarters, 4th Australian Division.

ARRIVALS.

965. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections, 1st Australian Tunnelling Coy. move by road from FIRST ARMY to FOURTH ARMY (Australian Corps) on 30th June. To be administered by Australian Corps commencing 1st July.

966. The undermentioned Artillery Units will move into Australian Corps Area by 30th June -

- (a) 47th Divisional Artillery. From ST SAUVEUR R.A. Area
- (b) 5th Aust. Divl. Artillery. From 4th Army Arty. Rest Area
- (c) 4th Brigade R.H.A. From St Ouen, Cavillon R.A. Area, and III Corps Area.
- (d) 222nd Siege Bty. R.G.A. (8" Gun Mk.VII) From 4th Army Arty. Rest Area.

Supply arrangements -

- (a) From 5th Aust. Div. pack on 30th June. From 3rd Aust. Div. pack from 1st July.
- (b) From 5th Aust. Div. pack commencing 30th June.
- (c) From 3rd Aust. Div. from 30th June inclusive.
- (d) From Aust. Corps Troops from 30th June inclusive.

967. "B" Coy. 13th Tank Battalion moved on 28th June to GORGUE WOOD.

MOVES.

968. A Detachment (One Officer 105 other ranks) 15th Labour Company moved on 27th to Sh.62/D.A.25.b.9.8 (RAMPONNOT) for work at POULAINVILLE Railhead. The Detachment will be administered by 85th Labour Coy.

SUPPLIES.

969. 8th Middlesex Labour Company and 163th Chinese Labour Company will be rationed by Australian C.T.M.T. Coy. commencing 30th June.

SUPPLY RAILHEADS. - 29th June.

970.	Australian Corps Troops	AILLY sur SOMME.
	2nd Aust. Division (less Arty.)	AILLY sur SOMME.
	2nd Aust. Divl. Artillery	POULAINVILLE.
	3rd Aust. Division (less Arty.)	POULAINVILLE.
	3rd Aust. Divl. Artillery	AILLY sur SOMME.
	4th Australian Division	AILLY sur SOMME.
	5th Aust. Division (less Arty.)	POULAINVILLE.
	5th Aust. Divl. Artillery.	PONT REMY.

Changes on 30th June -

3rd and 6th Aust. and 189th Army Brigades from 4th Aust. Div. to 3rd Aust. Div. pack.  
23rd Army Brigade from 2nd Aust. Div. to 4th Aust. Div. pack

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,  
4th June, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS for move of  
6th Regt. U.S. Engineers.

1. 6th Regt. U.S. Engineers now located as shown below will rejoin its Division by rail entraining on June 7th :-

- Headquarters - GORENFLOS.
- "A" Company - QUERRIEU.
- "B" " - PIERREGOT.
- "C" " - FRECHENCOURT.
- "D" " - LONG
- "E" " - FRANVILLERS.
- "F" " - BUSSY.LES DAOURS.

2. (a) The Regiment will concentrate in RENANCOURT Area prior to entrainment, applying for billets to Area Commandant at SALEUX.

(b) Headquarters and "D" Company will move by road on June 5th to ST. OUVEN R.A. Area, (advanced party to report to Area Commandant BELLOY-sur-SOMME), and on 6th June to RENANCOURT Area.

(c) The remaining Companies will move by road from their present locations to RENANCOURT Area on June 6th.

(d) Completion of concentration in RENANCOURT Area will be reported by wire to AUST. Corps "Q".

3. Transport vehicles of Headquarters and "D" Company which are not required with the Regiment while in RENANCOURT Area may be parked at AILLY-sur-SOMME under guard, who will bivouac. No billets are to be occupied at AILLY-sur-SOMME.

4. G.E. AUST. Corps will arrange that personnel of 6th U.S. Engrs. employed under him are relieved and sent to join their Companies by night 5/6th June. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th AUST. Divisions will arrange that the Officers and N.C.O's attached to them for experience are similarly returned.

5. (a) Mechanical Transport will be provided as under to assist in the move to RENANCOURT Area :-

5th June	H.Q., 6th Regt.	GORENFLOS.	8	Lorries.
	"D" Company	CHATEAU LONG.	3	"
6th June	"A" "	62.D/H.34.d.21.	2	"
	"B" "	29 Moray St. )		"
	"C" "	PIERREGOT. )	1	"
		10 Quai St.Maurice		"
	"F" "	AMIENS.	1	"
		62.D/I.32.d.9.6.	1	"

Lorries provided on June 5th will convey loads direct to RENANCOURT Area. Stores not required at RENANCOURT will be dumped under guard at site to be occupied by transport at AILLY-sur-SOMME.

(b) Details of Mechanical Transport to assist in move to entrainment station from RENANCOURT Area will be notified later.

6. Headquarters and Companies will arrive in RENANCOURT Area carrying rations for consumption 7th inst., rations for consumption 8th will be drawn on 6th inst., from AUST. C.T.M.T. Coy., SALOUEL to whom total ration strength will be wired by Regimental H.Q. on 5th inst.

7/On concentration.....

7. On concentration the Regiment will be re-equipped with American pattern rifles and bayonets and scabbards.

XIX Corps will arrange to send by lorry the required rifles and equipment together with 300,000 rounds S.A.A. to reach RENANCOURT CHURCH at noon 6th inst. 6th U.S. Engineers will arrange to have an Officer and party to meet the lorry and take charge of the rifles. Receipts will be given for these and a copy forwarded to "Q" AUST. Corps.

The re-equipment must be completed by the night of the 6th inst. On 7th inst., the British rifles and equipment at present in possession of 6th Regiment U.S. ENGINEERS will be despatched to XIX Corps, the necessary lorries being arranged by AUST. Corps.

All British S.A.A. will be collected from RENANCOURT on 7th inst., by Ammunition Officer AUST. Corps MT. Column who will report the amount taken over.

8. The 6th Regiment U.S. Engineers will entrain on 7th inst., at AILLY-sur-SOMME at times to be notified later. As soon as further particulars of entrainment are available, an Officer of the 6th U.S. Engineers and an Officer from "Q" AUST. Corps will visit Traffic LONGPRE and arrange details.

9. A marching out state of men, animals and vehicles will be forwarded to AUST. Corps on day of entrainment.

10. (a) On the day previous to entrainment, an Officer from 6th U.S. Engineers will get in touch with R.T.O., AILLY-sur-SOMME.

(b) On the day of entrainment, transport will report to entraining station ready to entrain three hours, dismounted personnel one hour prior to departure of train.

(c) The entrainment must be complete half an hour prior to time of departure of train.

(d) Horses will be watered prior to entrainment. Water carts will be loaded full.

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for Brigadier-General.  
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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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2nd Aust. Divn.	
3rd "	"
4th "	"
5th "	"
Area Commdt. SALEUX.	
" " ST. OUEN RA Area.	
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Corps M.T. Column.	
S.M.T.O.	

AUSTRALIAN CORPS.Headquarters,  
10th June 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No 205.POLICY AS REGARDS CLAIMS.

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The German advance during the last 10 days of March, and the re-occupation by them of French villages, has led to a situation of considerable complexity as regards claims, and the Corps Commander is anxious that, in dealing with the whole question of claims these problems should be approached by Divisional Commanders in accordance with a uniform policy.

The President of the Claims Commission has been personally consulted and the general principles now laid down are in accordance with his views.

2. The whole question turns on what acts of destruction or removal of the property of the inhabitants are to be classed as 'Faits de Guerre', and what are to be legitimately regarded as justifying claims against the British Army. The definition of 'Faits de Guerre' is to be found in the Claims Commission Circular for the British Army in the Field (3rd Edition) Sec. VIII, and should be studied and acted upon by Divisional Commanders in considering claims submitted to them. Broadly, 'Faits de Guerre' consists of damage caused by the enemy or as a result of encounters with him, or connected with the immediate necessities of the conflict; claims are justified where damage caused by our troops is wanton and unnecessary, or where the property of the inhabitants is taken for the personal use and comfort of the troops.

3. The difficulty with which Divisional Commanders are faced lies in differentiating between 'Faits de Guerre' and unnecessary damage in the case of villages close to the front line. The following instances are typical of the difficulties encountered, -

(a) During the retirement it was necessary to remove and destroy property to prevent its falling into the hands of the enemy. As soon as the enemy's advance was checked, such destruction became unnecessary and legitimate subject-matter for claims, but it was impossible for unit commanders to know just where the enemy would be held, and no doubt a considerable amount of property was destroyed and removed with the bona-fide intention of preventing its benefitting the enemy, in places which, as events turned out, did not fall into his hands. The French owners, on their return, and on finding that the Germans did not enter their village will regard the damage as due to our occupation and will submit claims accordingly. Such claims should be rejected and the damage classed as 'Faits de Guerre'. Ground used for camps or the grazing of crops may be legitimately classed as 'Faits de Guerre' in this connection, if occupied with a view to denying it to the enemy.

(b) Certain villages are so near the front that their destruction by shell fire is only a matter of time. Troops sometimes argue that property abandoned in these villages is certain to be destroyed and that it is better that they themselves should take it than that it should be left to destruction. If property can be removed it can be treated as salvage and handed over to the French authorities, and this argument cannot be upheld. At the same time there is no objection to property being utilised for the comfort of the men, when it has been genuinely abandoned and left in villages under close shell fire, so long as this is done under proper authority and a record kept, but the property should only be used on the spot and not taken away when the unit moves.

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(b) cont'd.

It remains the property of the owners and not of the troops, and must always be regarded as subject to restoration to the owner, should this ever become possible. Destruction of property, e.g., the taking of doors, woodwork, etc., for fuel is not permissible.

(c) The Divisions have done splendid work in salvaging property from villages close to our front line, and abandoned by the people. It has been impossible to keep any detailed record of this salvage or of its ownership. Should we advance and these villages be re-occupied, the owners, finding their property gone, and knowing that the Germans were not in occupation, will probably submit claims. These should be treated as 'Cas Reservés', (vide Claims Commission Circular, page 16, para 2), and should not be paid.

(d) There are a few claims still unsettled in connection with damage alleged to have been done in villages which have in the meantime passed into the hands of the enemy. (e.g. NEUVE EGLISE). The question arises whether the Claim should now stand. The Claims Commission considers that this does not annul the claim. Property taken or destroyed by our troops must be paid for, irrespective of the fact that the rest of the claimant's property has subsequently been lost through 'Faits de Guerre'.

(e) If, in the course of operations, we retake a village, from the enemy, we become, from the moment of our re-occupation, guardians of French property found in that village, and responsible for any subsequent loss or damage caused by our troops.

(f) Grazing should be regarded as an integral part of the general question of supplies. If animals can be grazed it should be possible for records to be kept of the lands so utilised, and this must always be regarded as the duty of the Unit Commanders concerned. Where grazing is sanctioned in areas not included in the operations of the Purchasing Board, fields should be apportioned to units and records kept by the Supply Officer concerned. Crops should not be used for grazing under any circumstances as there is a likelihood of an advance enabling the owners to harvest and recover them. The fact that an owner has had to abandon his fields and remove his cattle does not nullify his claim to consideration should we consume his pastures.

4. Divisional Commanders have been given wide powers in the matter of claims, and the Claims Commission very rarely criticises or questions their decisions. Divisional Claims Officers are their Staff Officers and are answerable to them and not to the Claims Commission for their awards. Commanders must therefore regard themselves as being the guardians of the interests of the French people, as well as being responsible for seeing that the British Government and the units of the Army get a fair deal. Where a Maire or other French Authority is available he should be consulted and associated with all settlements, so that the transactions may be on record, and the duplication or re-submission of the same claim may be avoided. Where, as in the case of abandoned villages, no Maire or other local authority exists, the Divisional Commander must assume the responsibility for placing all possible transactions on record and for sending the records to the Claims Commission.

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5. It is not possible to lay down hard and fast rules for adjudicating claims, Commanders must deal with each case on its merits, and do what they consider right and fair towards the owners and towards the Army.

It is the wish of the British Government that the French people should suffer as little hardship as possible from the occupation of their country by our troops, and it rests with Divisional Commanders to carry this policy into effect while safeguarding the British taxpayers from exploitation.

*Rafanthes.*

Brigadier-General.  
D. A. & Q. M. G.  
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

DISTRIBUTION.

2nd Aust. Division.	(2)
3rd Aust. Division.	(2)
4th Aust. Division.	(2)
5th Aust. Division.	(2)
G.O.C., R.A.	
B.G., H.A.	
French Mission.	
Fourth Army 'A'.	
Sparos.	(10).

HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN AUSTRALIAN CORPS.	
No	
Date	

No. 40/730.

Headquarters,  
13th June, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 206.C L A I M S

The following instructions are issued for the guidance of Divisional Commanders in their handling of Claims -

## A. Under normal conditions -

(a) The aim should be to ensure that the method adopted will enable the claims to be expeditiously investigated, render the greatest justice to the claimants, and at the same time limit to a minimum the travelling about, outside the Divisional Area of the respective Divisional representatives.

(b) When claims are found to be fair and reasonable they should be settled at once. Whether they are to be eventually met from the funds of the Public or of the units concerned does not justify a postponement in the settlements. The Divisional Commander of the unit involved can subsequently decide whether the payment should be made under G.R.O. 763 or G.R.O. 1036. Only when it is necessary to enable a D.C.O. to arrive at a just decision or to prevent duplication of payments should the claim be sent to the responsible unit first for a report, where such action leads to delay in settlement.

(i) Every effort should be made to induce the French inhabitants to submit claims immediately they arise, to the local Maire and through him, not to the Claims Commission, but to Representative of French Mission of the Division on the spot.

(ii) To prevent delay and accumulation of claims, arrangements should be made with the maire for a return of claims each week and where no claims have arisen, a nil return will be insisted upon.

(iii) In handing over a Divisional Area to an incoming Division, all claims, if possible, should be settled by the outgoing D.C.O. before departure. Steps should be taken by the French Mission, prior to the move, to warn the inhabitants, through the Maires, to send in at once all claims to the maires. Units will endeavour to settle these claims direct.

(iv) When claims are paid by units direct, Maires and D.C.Os' should always be notified, to prevent a further payment on the same score.

(v) When the units have been unable to arrive at a settlement, full reports should be attached to the claims before forwarding them to the D.C.O.

(vi) Only claims submitted within 12 hours of the departure of the unit concerned need as a rule be considered. Divisional Commanders must decide whether special circumstances justify the consideration of claims submitted later than 12 hours.

(vii) Claims will be regarded as Area responsibilities, that is claims independently of how or when they have arisen, will be investigated by the D.C.O. of the Division on the spot.

(viii) Where a claim is being investigated by a local D.C.O., it should be carried through to completion and not referred to another D.C.O. for payment, because it appears that one of the Units of the latter's Division may be responsible, but only for prior or subsequent report or refund from the unit concerned.

(ix) A D.C.O. should not be called upon to handle claims outside his own Divisional Area unless he has personally investigated them, except to obtain a refund or report from one of his own units.

(x) Where refunds have been received by a D.C.O. on claims not settled by him, he will inform the Division that compensated the Claimant, that this refund has been received and credited to his Imprest Account.

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B. Under the abnormal conditions created by intense enemy pressure, a number of claims are received in which inhabitants property is alleged to have been taken by troops.

(a) As a rule these are dealt with from a disciplinary point of view by the higher formations (Corps and Armies) and investigated by the Provost Branch and Gendarmerie. On no account should any action be taken by Divisional Claims Officers which might delay or prejudice this course, and these cases cannot be considered from the claims point of view until the disciplinary aspect has been examined. When, however, the damage cannot be brought home to any particular formation, and when absolute proof of the loss is difficult or impossible, Divisional Claims Officers should adopt the following procedure:-

(b) A report should be made to the Claims Commission, giving all evidence procurable, and stating as far as possible:-

- (i) Date or period of damage.
- (ii) Whether the claimant was absent or present at the time of the damage.
- (iii) Whether the claimant has evidence that British Troops are responsible.
- (iv) When the claimant brought the damage to notice.
- (v) What evidence the claimant can produce of the existence of property and its value.
- (vi) Whether the area in which the damage took place had been evacuated by civilians.
- (vii) Whether troops other than British occupied the Commune.
- (viii) What salvage operations, if any, took place in the Commune. It is very important to ascertain this in view of extensive salvage operations that were carried on in various Communes by French and British Military Authorities and also by French Civil Authorities.

(c) All these cases will eventually be dealt with by the Claims Commission on a general basis applicable to all claims of this class arising within certain dates and specified areas.

(d) Information which may assist in establishing dates during which damage of this kind was frequent in certain localities or Communes, and statements of the general conditions under which it took place, greatly assist the Commission.

(e) Some of these claims may come within the scope of G.R.O.763 and although units cannot be identified, British responsibility may be clearly established. In this case they can be settled by the Divisional Claims Officer at the discretion of the Divisional Commander.

(f) Subject to the above, the investigation and adjustment of Claims should continue as heretofore, and G.R.O.1036 should be strictly enforced as far as possible.

(g) In notifying the Claims Commission of payments made, Divisional Claims Officers should mark all adjustments under G.R.O. 1036 "recovered from Unit".

(h) If claimants are absent and payment is not possible, their claims should be referred to the Claims Commission with Divisional Claims Officer's assessment for ultimate settlement. When such payments are to be made by the Claims Commission under G.R.O.1036, a statement should accompany the vouchers that the money has been recovered and placed to the Public credit.

(i) On no account should payment be with-held from persons entitled to be paid for damage evidently committed by British Troops on the ground that the Commune is under shell fire

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Claims from Areas now occupied by the enemy should be held up until some communication is received from the Claimant, when, if the claim is admitted, it can be adjusted. In cases in which no evidence can now be obtained, the claimant should be informed, that under the circumstances it is not possible to proceed. A similar procedure to that defined under B. para. (c) will eventually be applied to such cases.

*R. A. M. G.*

Brigadier-General,  
D.A. & Q.M.G.,  
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

Distribution:-

1st Australian Division (2)  
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3rd Australian Division (2)  
4th Australian Division (2)  
5th Australian Division (2)  
G.O.C., R.A.  
B.G., H.A.  
French Mission (6)  
Fourth Army 'Q'  
War Diary (3) ✓  
War Records (3)  
A.Q.  
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Snares (10)

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War Diary

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,  
13th June, 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No 207.

Issued under AUSTRALIAN CORPS Order No. 112.

1. At 10 a.m. on 16th June 5th Australian Division will take over the administration of "C" Divisional Area including Traffic Control, Police and Stragglers Posts.

At the same hour 2nd Australian Division will become responsible for traffic control and police in the CAMON-RIVERY-LONGPRE Areas and the Area between AMIENS-DOULLENS and AMIENS-RUBEMPRE Roads (both inclusive) North of the above Areas and South of a line from S. end of RAINNEVILLE (exclusive) to BELLEVUE FARM.

2. Area Commandants.-

The Area Commandants provided by 3rd Australian Division at LA HOUSOYE and QUERRIEU will continue to carry out these duties under 5th Australian Division. The Area Commandant at FRANVILLERS provided by 2nd Australian Division will be relieved by 5th Australian Division.

5th Australian Division will take whatever measures are considered necessary for safeguarding property and preserving order in the villages of MERICOURT, RIBEMONT, HEILLY, BONNAY and BUIRE SUR L'ANCRE.

3. Reinforcements.-

5th Australian Division will take over the Divisional Reinforcement Staging Camp at 62.D/H.7.c.

5th and 8th Aust. Infantry Brigades will move by lorries on the 14th instant. Detailed arrangements have been notified direct to all concerned.

Personnel of 5th and 14th Field Companies will be moved by lorries on 15th instant. Detailed arrangements have been notified to all concerned.

The water tank lorry at present working under the orders of Camp Commandant, 5th Australian Division will be handed over to 2nd Australian Division until completion of repairs to CARDONNETTE pumping plant.

2nd and 5th Aust. Divisional Salvage Companies will accompany their Divisions, relief of detachments working at Railheads being arranged mutually.

*J.C. Somerville*  
for Brigadier-General,  
D. A. & Q. M. G.  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

DISTRIBUTION.

2nd Aust. Divn.		
3rd " "	FOURTH ARMY.	Corps Reinfct. Staging Depot
4th " "	III Corps.	French Mission.
5th " "	31st French Corps.	D.A.D. Posts.
B.G., H.A.	G.O.C.	War Diary (3)
G.O.C., R.A.	"G"	File (3)
C. E.	S.M.T.O.	Spares. (4)
C.R.E., C.T.	A.P.M.	
Corps Mtd. Troops.	D.A.D. Roads.	
Aus. Corps M.T. Col.	Labour Commdt.	
5th Tank Bde.	A.D.V.S.	
Aust. Corps Sig. Coy.	D.D.M.S.	
3rd Squadron A.F.C.	A.D.O.S.	
A.A.D.C., Fourth Army.	A.D. Signals.	
"K" Siege Park.	Corps Reinfct. Camp.	

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In many of the villages the ponds are now dried up, or practically dried up.

It is suggested that these ponds should be redug or dredged and thus provide a considerable storage of water and drainage for the roads. The horse watering facilities in the high plateaus would be improved greatly.  
Could this be arranged please.

8-6-1918.

(Ind) R.U.H.B. C.E.

Fourth Army No. Q.2359.

Aust. Corps.

Reference above letter will you please arrange for Area Commandants and Town Majors to reconnoitre the village ponds in their districts and report on the feasibility of this suggestion.

Headquarters,  
Fourth Army.  
13-6-1918.

(Sd). . . . . Lt-Col.  
for Major-General.  
D.A. & Q.M.G., Fourth Army.

AUST. Corps No. 197/285.

- Area Commandant.
- SALEIX.
- RENANCOURT.
- LONGPRE.
- LES ALENCONS.
- CAMON.
- CAGNY.
- ALLONVILLE.
- ST. GRATIEN.
- BUSSY.
- PONT NOYELLES.

With reference to the above letter from FOURTH ARMY will you please render a report to this office on the ponds in your area, stating if there is sufficient water for units at present in your area, and if the ponds could be improved by re-digging or dredging.

Headquarters,  
15th June, 1918.

*Stephen Mitchell*  
Major.  
Camps Officer.  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

No. 5/535

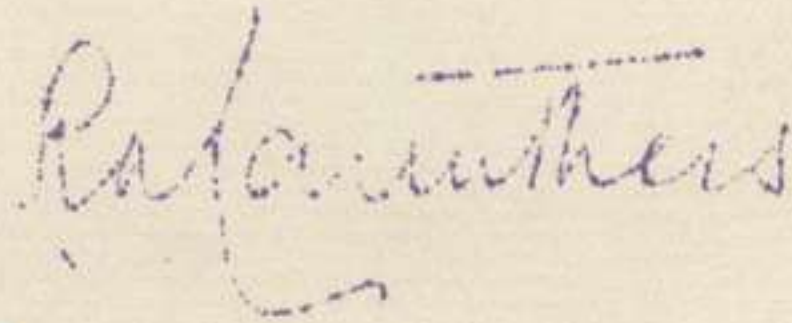
Headquarters,  
15th June, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 208.

The Corps Commander is not satisfied that everything has yet been done to cut down the impedimenta to be carried with Corps Headquarters when on the move.

Heads of Branches and individual Officers must realise that any transport employed by Headquarters on the move, has to be deducted from what is available for the troops, and everything must be done to keep baggage and Office furniture down to the lowest possible amount.

Heads of Branches must take the utmost care to see that no superfluous papers or records are kept, and that all unnecessary files are despatched to the Base or destroyed.

A Corps Headquarters Store has been opened at ABBEVILLE and transport will be placed at the disposal of the Camp Commandant for the conveyance of any personal baggage, or Office furniture that can be dispensed with. Officers will enter on a list to be circulated by the Camp Commandant, approximate quantities of baggage and office equipment which they wish sent to the store.



Brigadier-General,  
D. A. & Q. M. G.  
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

## Distribution :-

- all Departments of Corps H.Q.
- all Officers of Corps H.Q.



AUSTRALIAN CORPS.Headquarters,  
20th June, 1918.ADMINISTRATIVE CIRCULAR No.209.No.114/460.LEAVE in FRANCE.

1. The following allotment of leave in FRANCE will be brought into force on June 21st 1918 :-

2nd Australian Division	(	6	Officers	30	O.Rs.
3rd Australian Division	*)	6	"	30	"
4th Australian Division	(	6	"	30	"
5th Australian Division	(	6	"	30	"
B.G.,H.A.		6	"	30	"
G.O.C.,R.A.		5	"	25	"
"K" Siege Park		1	"	8	"
Corps M.T. Column		1	"	5	"
Corps Signal Company		1	"	5	"
C. E.		2	"	10	"
Corps Transport Officer		1	"	5	"
Corps mounted Troops		1	"	5	"
Labour Commandant		5	"	25	"
Camp Commandant		2	"	10	"
Other Corps Troops		5	"	22	"
		<u>54</u>		<u>270</u>	
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2. The above allotment is for a period of 10 days' and does not represent a daily number of vacancies.

3. Leave in FRANCE (for all reasons) not exceeding 10 days away from unit will come out of this allotment, and will not affect the leave to the United Kingdom of any Officer or soldier.

4. Any unit which moves to another Army area will take its allotment with it, and notification of such transfer of allotment will be forwarded to this Office.

5. Officers and other ranks granted leave to PARIS will proceed via ROUEN, from there special trains will run to PARIS on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Leave will count from the date of entraining at ROUEN.

6. Officers and Other Ranks will travel by Military Train free of charge. When Military Trains are not available, and the journey is made by French Passenger Train, the fare must be paid.

7. Passes. A.F.W.3774 will be issued from this office in all cases. To enable these passes to be made out, the following particulars will accompany each application:-

- Rank (and Regtl. No. in the case of other ranks).
- Name.
- Unit or Appointment.
- Address at place to which leave is desired.
- Date on which leave is to commence.

8. Attention is directed to G.R.O.4221 of 9/6/18 paras 2, 3 & 4, and the instructions contained therein will be strictly adhered to.

\*NOTE. Not more than 6 Officers and 30 O.Rs will be absent from a Division under this allotment at any one time.

*J. H. Ward*  
Captain,  
for D.A.A.G.,  
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

P.T.O.



AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,  
22nd June 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 210.

The Corps Commander finds that horse watering parades are not being carried out in accordance with orders and with the lack of discipline that constitutes a grave danger, and he directs that these parades shall be immediately organised on a proper system.

Divisions will be responsible for the conduct of horse watering parades at water points within the areas policed by them (vide Administrative Instructions No. 198 para (b))

Lists of these watering points will be drawn up and unit will be allotted to them.

Mounted Officers, assisted by two other ranks will be placed on duty at each watering point. The Officers and personnel will be selected from the units watering at each watering point and Divisional Commanders are authorised to ~~draw~~ draw upon Mounted Units of Heavy Artillery and Army Brigades as well as from Divisional Units for the necessary staffs. These Officers will act directly under the orders of the Divisional Staff.

Each Officer in charge of a watering point will be provided with a list of the units watering at his water point. He will be in possession of a copy of the Army Standing Orders on the subject of watering, and will bring to the notice of the Division any unit failing to comply with these orders. The Divisional Commander will then cause the necessary disciplinary action to be taken.

The congregation of large numbers of horses at one time round a water point is a serious source of danger and it only by working to a regular time table, and by the allotment of units to fixed watering points that this danger can be minimised.

The Corps Commander directs that this matter be treated as urgent and be promptly put into operation.

Units must not be allowed to water at watering points outside the Corps Area, and no watering in streams is to be permitted.

Officers of the Divisional Staff should visit the water points frequently during the next two weeks to ensure that these orders are being properly carried out.

(Sgd) R. A. CARRUTHERS, Brig. Gen'l.  
D. A. & Q. M. G.  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

## Distribution.

2nd Australian Division.  
3rd Australian Division.  
4th Australian Division.  
5th Australian Division.  
G.O.C.R.A.  
B.G.H.A.  
C.E.  
Labour Commandant.

AUSTRALIAN CORPS

Headquarters,  
25th June 1918.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 211.

ISSUED UNDER AUST CORPS ORDER No 116.

1. AREA ADMINISTRATION :- (a). At 10.a.m. on 29th June 2nd Aust. Div. will take over the administration of "A" Divisional Area including Traffic Control, Police and Straggler posts, and at the same time will take over the traffic control and policing of the CAGNY Area.  
(b). At the same hour 3rd Aust. Div. will take over the Traffic control and policing of the ALLONVILLE, PONT-NOYELLES, POULAINVILLE, LES ALENCONS and CAMON Areas.  
(c). 2nd Aust. Div. will relieve all officers and other ranks of 3rd Aust. Div. employed as Area Commandants or Town Majors and as Area Staff or Water Picquets etc. in "A" Divisional Area.
2. REINFORCEMENTS :- On completion of relief 2nd Aust. Div. Refct. Staging Depot will be established at M.5.c.5.5. and 3rd Aust. Div. will distribute their reinforcements from Corps Refct. Staging Depot direct to units.
3. TENTAGE :- All tents and trench shelters (canvas) will be exchanged in situ. The numbers transferred will be carefully checked and result reported to Corps "Q".
4. SUPPLIES :- (a). Supply Railheads will be exchanged on 28th June, on which date -  
2nd Aust. Div. will draw from AILLY-sur-SOMME  
3rd Aust. Div. will draw from POULAINVILLE  
(b). 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery  
16th Army Brigade, R.H.A.  
63rd Labor Group  
and smaller units at present rationed by 2nd Aust. Div. will be taken over by 3rd Aust. Div. with effect at Railhead on 28th June.  
(c). 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery  
14th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
23rd Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
179th Army Brigade, R.F.A.  
"K" Siege Park  
and smaller units at present rationed by 3rd Aust. Div. will be taken over by 2nd Aust. Div., with effect at Railhead on 28th June.  
(d). 3rd Aust. Div. will arrange to utilise the Light Railway system for transport of supplies from POULAINVILLE Railhead at earliest date.
5. RESERVE RATIONS :- Rations and water in General Purpose and Supporting Point Reserves will be taken over by 2nd Aust. Div. The locations will be verified, and the statements of reserve rations submitted to Corps "Q" for the period ending 30th June will cover the exchange between divisions.

*D. A. & Q. M. G.*  
for. Brigadier-General  
D. A. & Q. M. G.  
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Distribution :-

- 2nd Australian Division
- 3rd " "
- 4th " "
- 5th " "
- S.G.,H.A.
- G.O.C.,R.A.
- C.E.
- C.R.E.,C.T.
- Corps Mtd. Troops
- Aust. Corps M.T.Col.
- 5th Tank Bde,
- Aust. Corps Sig. Coy,
- 3rd Squadron, A.F.C.
- A.A.D.C., Fourth Army
- "K" Siege Park
- FOURTH Army
- III Corps
- 31st French Corps
- G.O.C.
- G.
- S.M.T.O.
- A.P.M.
- D.A.D.R&ads
- Lab. Cmmdt.
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- D.D.M.S.
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- French Mission
- D.A.D.Posts
- War Diary (3)
- File (3)
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for  
D. A. D. C. R. A.  
CORPS