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of General Staff 4th Australian Division
1st ANZAC.

Fourth Army. B. E. F.

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	Dec 1st	5 AM.	<p>Situation normal. A quiet night. Fog all day. Wind east 10-20 mph. Temperature 30°-35° Fahr. by day + 25° Fahr. at night. The line is now held as follows: -</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="1596 431 2808 744"> <tr> <td>52nd</td> <td>↑</td> <td>14th</td> <td>and</td> <td>13th</td> <td>Battalions</td> <td>Front line</td> </tr> <tr> <td>51st</td> <td></td> <td>16th</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Support</td> </tr> <tr> <td>49th + 50th</td> <td></td> <td>15th</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Reserve</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="7">12th Aus Inf. Brigade in Divisional Reserve.</td> </tr> </table> <p>The remaining & numbering of the trenches in accordance with instructions received from ANZAC is in progress. The Heavy Artillery were to have carried out a bombardment of the enemy trenches in N. 20-D today, but owing to the mist it had to be postponed. It is the intention of the Divisional Commander to capture the enemy trenches HILT and LARD, and portion of Sunken Road in N. 20-D, on the 4th inst, so as to straighten out the Salient. Preliminary instructions have already been issued. Unfortunately at 5 pm a report was received from the 4th Aus Inf Brigade that a mine with the orders for this operation, together with plans of an trench and barrage map, had fallen into the hands of the enemy. This unfortunate affair occurred as follows. On the 30th inst. Lt Col DARE, Com^d 14th Bn, who was holding our trenches opposite this enemy position, received a copy of the Brigade Orders, the operation with his Officers & improved certain trenches for the attacking party, which would be furnished in due course by the 16th Battalion who would relieve the 14th Bn in the line. Lt Col DARE sent these secret documents to Captain Henry 14th Bn, Com^d the Coy in the firing line to peruse. Captain Henry handed these documents to Dick Appleton, one of his platoon Commanders to peruse. The latter took them with him to his dug out - near GOODWINS POST. N 20-B-71. and after perusal, about 4 pm, sent them back by a runner, Pte Yeos to.</p>	52 nd	↑	14 th	and	13 th	Battalions	Front line	51 st		16 th				Support	49 th + 50 th		15 th				Reserve	12 th Aus Inf. Brigade in Divisional Reserve.							<p>OP I</p>
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POMMIERS REDOUBT	1916. Dec 1 st	5 ^{1/2}	<p>Copy of the Daily Summary of Intelligence Report No 60 attached Situation Report. Normal. The usual shell in A. FLERS and A. VEUDECOURT. A report was received about the 5th Ans Div. on our right (the 1st Div. since, in fact, is on on left.) were being attacked, about dusk. Apparently the enemy put a barrage on the front lines but nothing more happened. Map of square N. 20. D. attached. The 4th Ans Inf Brigade took a prisoner of the 101st Reserve Infantry Regt. This morning He was the bearer of maps & valuable information & had lost his way in the night, but he was wounded before being captured. This is rather a coincidence - as we also lost a man with despatches today as stated above. This German prisoner had no luck at all. He was badly but not mortally wounded & sent to the Corps Cage where he was interrogated & gave some more useful information, but a few minutes after his examination, a German shell fell in the prisoner's cage, where he was alone, and killed him.</p>	<p>App II</p>
		5 ^{1/2}	<p>When the Division arrived in the front area on the 14th Nov, the Div. Gas Officer was ordered to proceed to BELLEVUE FARM, near ALBERT, where certain huts would be handed over to him and where he was to open a Gas School. Up to date nothing has been done, and the valuable Officer has wasted 3 weeks doing nothing. It has not been for want of trying on our part, but apparently Corps have not been able to make up their minds about these huts, and it is now reported that the huts are required as a Rest Camp. So the Divisional Gas Officer has been ordered to report Div. Headquarters as soon as they move to the 'R' Area.</p>	<p>App III</p>
		5 ^{1/2}	<p>At present we have only 8 Lewis Guns per Battalion. We have constantly been informed that they are to be increased to 10, to 12 and even to 16 guns per Battalion - but no further increase has been made. We now hear that 2⁰ guns per Battalion are now available, making a total of 10 per Battalion; these will be issued when the Division goes into 'R' Area.</p>	
	Dec 2 nd	5 ^{1/2}	<p>Situation. normal. Thick fog & more or less misty all day. Wind. NE - E. 5 - 15 mph. Slight frost.</p>	

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POHMERS REDOUBT	Dec 2 nd	AM - noon	<p>The G.S.O.1. went up to the front line to locate positions for machine guns in the Reserve line.</p> <p>At noon the ANZAC Heavy Artillery began to change position further South, to cover the 5th Aus Div front, and will in consequence be out of action for several days - & will have to register again. This is part of the general move of a side slip to the right, as the Fourth Army has taken over fresh ground from the French.</p> <p>From 10 AM to noon & 2-3 pm. Our Divisional Artillery bombarded the enemy salient - N 20 D.</p> <p>St. Col. Williams, 13th A.L.H., attached to the General Staff of our Division, proceeded to take up his appointment as G.S.O.1. 1st Aus. Division.</p> <p>The 1st & 5th Aus Div. Commanders came over to see General Cox - chiefly about trench feet. Our Division is splendid in two ways, the men are looking after the selves, & taking the precautions and continual supervision of the authorities concerned. For the week ending Dec. 3rd our Division had only evacuated sick & wounded at the rate of 1.59 per cent., whereas the 1st Aus Div. had evacuated over 4% and the 5th Aus Div over 8%.</p> <p>The G.O.C. issued a "Special Order of the Day", today, on the subject. Copy attached.</p> <p>Lieut. Colonel G. T. Lee. King Royal Rifles (60th), Comd^g 46th Bn., left today to take up the command of the 16th Battalion K.R.R. He will be succeeded by Major Denham - command of the Battalion.</p>	<p>Appo IV</p> <p>Appo V.</p>
		5pm	Situation normal. Copy of daily intelligence Summary No 61 attached.	
		4 th 5am	After dark the 51 st Battalion relieved the 52 nd Battalion on the left of the line, without a hitch.	
	3 rd	5am	Situation - normal. a quiet night - possibly quieter than usual. Slight frost. Wind West. Overcast & misty. Slight drizzle & a little sleet. Day temperature 35 th F.	
		2pm	A Court of Inquiry was held under the presidency of Col Robertson, C.M.G., Comd ^g 12 th Aus Inf. Brigade, on St. Col DARE, Captain Henry & Lieut Appleton, on the loss of the Secret Documents yesterday, and about BRENTON, who was also present on the bank of the river.	

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POMMIERS-REDOUBT	Dec 3 ^d	P.M.	<p>Captain Keighley, G.S.O. 3, had rather an exciting time today whilst visiting the trenches at GOODWINS POST, as the enemy put a barrage on our lines there for an hour & the shelling appears to have been very heavy, but wonderful to relate not a man was hit. The Coy. Commander Capt. Marks 13th Bn, used great judgment in withdrawing his men from the forward trenches whilst it lasted. This is a further proof that the enemy are in possession of the documents relating to the attack of their position.</p>	
		5.15 p.m.	<p>It was as usual at 4.20 p.m. the 4th Brigade reported the situation normal (message JN 276) apparently the Company Commander in the front line had not considered the above barrage anything out of the ordinary. Otherwise the situation was normal, till dark when the artillery fire on both sides became considerably above normal for several hours. Attached is copy of Daily Intelligence Summary No. 62.</p>	App VI
			<p>General Staff Circular No. 50, issued, regarding training to be carried out when the Division moves to the Training Area.</p>	App VII
		5 th 5 a.m.	<p>The Divisional School assembled this evening at LA CHAUSSEE under Major H.C. Ford. 13th Bn, work begins tomorrow & lasts 3 weeks, 20 Officers & 20 N.C.O.s are being trained. The 3rd Australian Brigade arrived at FRICOURT today & came under the orders of our G.O.C. The G.S.O. 2 visited their Headquarters during the afternoon.</p>	App VIII
		4 th 5 a.m.	<p>The 16th Battalion relieved the 14th Battalion on the left of the Right Brigade during the night, without incident.</p>	
		4 th 5 a.m. 1.30	<p>Situation normal. Wind NE - E. 5-10 mph. Morning mist - bright clear day - overcast before dark - frost. The 12th Australian Brigade left during the early hours of the morning by train for QUARRY station at DERVANCOURT and went into billets. A Coy 45th Bn remains at BAZENTIN for work on communications under the C.E. It was a bright early morning when the Brigade marched out of BAZENTIN & a hostile plane came over & probably saw them - as shakily as its return shells fell round BAZENTIN, one falling - a direct hit on the line - a march - killing 2, wounding 4 & a horse.</p>	

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	Dec 4 th	AM 11.30	<p>There was considerable aerial activity during the day, a German plane was seen to fall over the lines near THILLOY, and one of our planes fell about N. 25 D in our territory. In accordance with the opinion of the Court of Inquiry on the loss of Secret Documents the Corps Commander, having found Lt Col. Dare, unfit to command a Battalion in the field, has transferred him to England, where he may command a Training Battalion. Capt. Henry was found unfit to remain an officer at the front and returned to Australia. Lieut Appleton was ordered to rejoin his Battalion. Mr Baldwin (Australian) & other Munition Workers, on a visit to the front, visited Divisional Headquarters, saw one of the big guns in action, but much to their chagrin were not allowed to visit the front.</p> <p>The 3rd Aus. Infantry Brigade marched to BAZENTIN Camps today & relieved the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade in the line tonight. Relief carried out in due course at 7.45 pm.</p> <p>The G.S.O. 2 visited the Brigade Headquarters during the morning.</p> <p>Situation normal - but during the evening the artillery on both sides was above normal for several hours. Daily Intelligence Summary No 63. attached.</p>	App. VIII
	5 th	5a	<p>Situation - normal. Wind N.W. 20-30 mph. Rain (+ some sleet) all the morning - afternoon overcast & misty - rain during the night. Temperature day, 35°-40°, at night, 30°-35° Fahr.</p> <p>The G.O.C. inspected the Decauville Railway with Lt Col. Jewell. 4th Aus. Pioneer Coy, O.C. Corps High Railway - great progress has been made, but there is still much to be done.</p> <p>The heavy artillery were to have bombarded the enemy trenches in N. 20 D, but owing to the bad weather it was postponed. However between 11.30 - 1 pm the British heavily bombarded our lines instead, especially in N. 19 B 72 - N. 20 A 32 and CHEESE LANE. but after our artillery had returned the bombardment with a 10 minutes slow barrage the stopped.</p> <p>The G.S.O. 1 is busily engaged on the Defence Scheme, as there is a tendency to hand over to the 1st Aus Div. on the 7th Dec. There was no such Scheme when we took over the line.</p>	App. IX

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POMMIERS REDOUBT	Dec 5 th	8 AM 5 pm	Statement showing disposition of units attached. Situation normal. The 4 th Brigade captured 2 Germans near PIONEER Trench during the afternoon - they had apparently escaped from a French Cave on the 1 st Dec. & had been wandering in our lines since, trying to get back to their own lines. Had they not been observed by a chance Patrol Party they would have had a good chance of escaping, as there are several gaps in our lines & it is possible to pass through at night without being observed. Daily Intelligence Summary No 64 attached. The 2 nd Aus. Infantry Brigade arrived at BAZENTIN Camps today.	App. <u>XV</u>
	Dec 6 th	5 am	Situation normal. Wind N.E. 15-20 mph. Some showers - overcast & raw cold all day & misty. Temperature by day 40° night 30°-35° Fahr. In consequence of the mist the bombardment by the Heavy Artillery of N. 20-D was cancelled.	App. <u>X</u>
		8 am	Statement showing disposition of units attached. Captain Wellington, G.S.O. 3, being transferred, proceeded today to the 5 th Aus Div as G.S.O. 3. Captain A.S. Keymer, 13 th M.G. Coy is G.S.O. (3) in his place. The G.S.O.s 2 & 3. 1 st Aus. Division are now for RIBEMONT today to take over documents, to facilitate the handing over tomorrow.	App. <u>XI</u>
		PM 12:50	The 13 th Brigade arrived - billets in BUIRE.	
		5 pm	Situation normal. Daily Intelligence Summary attached. Attached is a diagram showing the method of evacuation of Sick & wounded in the Division. The 1 st Aus. Infantry Brigade have arrived in Camp about MAMETZ.	App. <u>XII</u> App. <u>XIII</u>

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POMMIERS-REDOUBT	Dec 6 th	10 pm	The 4 th Aus Inf. Brigade was relieved in the right sector of the line by the 2 nd Aus Inf. Brigade, without a casualty. The enemy however fired heavily on his own lines at N. 20. D. Chateau during the night & as no red flares were sent up from there, it was hoped that he had evacuated the Surench Rd but patrols going out found he was there all right.	
		7 th	5 am Situation normal. A quiet night. Muzzley saw cold day. Colonel Heene, temp ^y com ^d of the 2 nd Aus Inf. Brigade was wounded during the early morning, whilst reconnoitring, against the advice of the Staff who he relieved.	
		Pan	Statement showing the disposition of units attached.	App. <u>XIV</u>
		11 am	The 4 th Brigade moved by train to EDGENHILL & thence marched to RIBEMONT, during the early hours of the morning. Transport proceeded by road.	
RIBEMONT.		11 am	Major General Cox handed over the command of the left sector of the ANZAC front to Major General Walker, Commanding the 1 st Australian Division, and Divisional Headquarters closed at POMMIERS REDOUBT and opened at RIBEMONT, on the River ANCRE, at 11 am.	
		noon	Statement showing units of our Division left in the forward area attached.	App. <u>XV</u>
		8 th	Pan A Rainy day. Cold. Statement showing disposition of units attached.	App. <u>XVI</u>
			The G.S.O. 1 & A.D.M.S. visited the Divisional School at LA CHAUSSEE and were satisfied with the progress made.	
			Lt Cunningham 46 th Bn, having been selected Divisional Musketry Officer, was instructed to reconnoitre for & make a range, minimum 30* ^{approximately} to 300 yds maximum, at each of the three Brigade areas, RIBEMONT, DUIRE & DERNANCOURT.	
			The Divisional Gas Officer has commenced a thorough inspection of all Box Respirators. He reports only 1% are damaged, which is excellent. Apparently the men have learned to understand their value & the necessity for taking care of them. The Gas Officer is to make a Gas School at RIBEMONT.	

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RIBEMONT	1916 Dec 9 th		<p>The AA + QMG + G.S.O. 2. visited the Div Signal School at LA CHAUSSEE.</p> <p>The G.S.O. 1. visited one Artillery School at the request of ANZAC - apparently all is not well - it is not a success being badly founded. This is not surprising - as it was all done at a moment's notice, without plans or fuel transport, without sufficient staff or suitable accommodation. Apparently the G.O.C. RA ordered the C.R.A. to have the School opened at very short notice. Lt Col Rabett. Comd 12th A.F.A. Brigade was appointed. Commandant. All help from the Divisional General Staff was refused - show having failed they ask the General Staff to help them out of their difficulties.</p> <p>Another cold day with some drizzle. None far milder here than at POMMIERS & everybody seems to be benefiting by the change - may, however, have still got bad coughs & colds, also chills! Frost at night.</p>																															
		10 th	The G.S.O. 1. visited the General Staff of the IV Army.																															
		11 th	The G.O.C. drove round to the Brigades Headquarters.																															
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		11 a.m.	<p>Lt Col Hill Comd 4th Army Anti Aircraft Group gave a lecture on anti-aircraft machine gunnery to machine gun officers at Div. Headquarters. The Ancre Valley having been declared a "Defended Area", we have been ordered to have machine guns posted at the following places to fire on German aeroplanes, who after bombing this valley + do considerable damage at times.</p> <p>guns at:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="1755 1372 2649 1705"> <tr> <td>RIBEMONT.</td> <td>D. 27</td> <td>D.</td> <td>4</td> <td>0 1/2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BUIRE</td> <td>D 30</td> <td>A</td> <td>8</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DERNANCOURT</td> <td>E 15</td> <td>C</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ant. Raddend (OXF)</td> <td>E 16</td> <td>A E</td> <td>0</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>E 16</td> <td>B</td> <td>1/2</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MEAULTE</td> <td>E 17</td> <td>D</td> <td>4</td> <td>9</td> </tr> </table>	RIBEMONT.	D. 27	D.	4	0 1/2	BUIRE	D 30	A	8	5	DERNANCOURT	E 15	C	4	5	Ant. Raddend (OXF)	E 16	A E	0	6		E 16	B	1/2	5	MEAULTE	E 17	D	4	9	
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RIBEMONT	Dec 16 th	am	The 4 th Aus Inf. Brigade marched to RAINVILLE, COISY and CARDONNETTE, with 2000 men. 40. Visited yesterday. The G.S.O. (2) and 1st Div Signal Coy, visited LA CHAUSSEE, & saw the Div Signal Coy's School with the idea of making arrangements to enlarge the School for the next course on the 26 th with 26 Officers and 104 N.C.O.s, that is at the rate of 2 Officers & 8 N.C.O.s per Battalion. The Divisional Messengers proceeded to FLESSELLES and took over the ranges in "T" then for the Div. Messengers of the 2 nd Aus. Div.	
	17 th		The 6 th Aus Inf. Brigade arrived in RIBEMONT. The 12 th Aus Inf. Brigade dismounted personnel, proceeded by train to FLESSELLES, mounted personnel proceeding by route march.	
		8a.	Statement showing location of units attached. The G.S.O. 1. visited the Artillery School.	App <u>XX</u>
	18 th	8a.	Statement showing location of units attached. The 12 th Aus Inf. Brigade moved by train and road to VIGNACOURT area.	App <u>XXI</u>
VIGNACOURT		noon	Divisional Headquarters closed at RIBEMONT at noon and opened at VIGNACOURT at the same hour, going into billets previously occupied. The G.S.O. 1. visited the 12 th Aus Inf. Brigade HQ at FLESSELLES.	
	19 th		The G.O.C. visited the 4 th Aus Inf. Brigade. The G.S.O. 1. went to the 12 th Brigade & to the Div. Signal School. The G.S.O. 3. is busy organising a theatrical entertainment for the benefit of the Division during Xmas week.	
	20 th		Statement showing location of units attached. The G.S.O. 1. visited G.H.Q. today, whilst the G.S.O. 2. went to the Div. Signal School.	App <u>XXII</u>
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VIGNACOURT	Dec 20 th		<p>The following appointments have been approved: - Bdr. Gen. W. HOLMES, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D. to temporarily command the 4th Aus. Div. Sin, via Maj. Gen. Sir H.V. Cox, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.S.I., and will report on the 26th inst. Lieut Col. S.C.E. Herring, C.M.S. 45th Battalion, to temporarily command the 5th Aus. Inf. Brigade, via Bdr. Gen. Holmes, to report on the 24th inst. Information was received today that Bdr. General Rosenthal C.B., the C.R.A., was wounded at the front today. It is reported to a slight wound in the thigh.</p>	
	21 st		<p>Captain Keighley, G.S.O. (3) and Lieut Cox, Lieut Col. Camp Capt are detailed to attend the next Junior Staff School at HESDIN, assembling on the 26th Dec. The G.S.O. 1. visited the Divisional Infantry School.</p>	
	22 nd	11a.	<p>The G.O.C. addressed the Officers & N.C.O. Students of the Divisional Infantry School on discipline, & afterwards inspected the billets.</p>	
		4p.	<p>The Army Commander, General Sir H.S. Rawlinson, G.C.B., K.C.V.O., inspected the Div. Infantry School. General Cox was also present. The Army Commander expressed his satisfaction and emphasized the importance of tactical problems & their discussions. He even set the Divisional Commander & Comd of the School a tactical problem on the spot!</p>	
		6p.	<p>Capt Keighley, G.S.O. (3) lectured at the Div. Inf. School on the General Army. Telegram received today annulling the temp. appointment of Lt Col Herring to Bdr. Command the 5th Aus. Inf. Brigade. (only to his ill health.)</p>	
	23 rd		<p>The G.S.O. 1. visited the 4th Brigade re training. Bdr. General Rosenthal, C.R.A., being very slightly wounded, returned to duty. Telegram forwarded from "Defence Melbourne approving the promotion of Colonel ad Temp. Comd of Bdr. General to Lt Col. J.C. Robertson, C.M.S. 12th Aus. Inf. Brigade. to date from 10th Nov. (changed later to 14 Dec.)</p>	
	24 th		<p>State at showing locations of units attached.</p>	<p>app. XXIII. McP... ..</p>

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Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT.	Dec 24 th	6 pm	The Divisional Theatrical troupe "Pierrot" organized by Capt Keighley. G.S.O. (3) gave their first performance and proved a great success. They will be a great boon to the troops during Xmas week.	
	25 th	-	The G.O.C. visited certain units & billets & attended a Church Parade.	
	26 th		The 2 Corp. 45 th Bn, left under Major Waters R.E. at the Quarry on work in Communications. rejoined headquarters at FLESCHELLES, moving by rail from the QUARRY to HEAULTE and thence by bus. They are replaced by 2 Corp of the 15 th Bn, who are still working on roads under the C.R.E. Infantry	
		4 pm	The 2 nd Course of the Divisional School at LA CHAUSSEE, opened. 26 Officers and 104 N.C.Os. are to be trained at this & subsequent Courses. This is at the rate of 2 Officers and 8 NCOs per Battalion.	
			The Divisional Signalling School also assembled at LA CHAUSSEE, under Lieut Buckland. Div. Signal Coy, to train: 2 Officers and 40. Other Ranks.	
			The G.O.C. met the Brigadiers & Battalion Commanders of the 12 th & 13 th Aus Inf. Brigades & rode out towards ST VAAST, and did some Tactical Schemes. Short problems which are to be practiced in every Brigade, Battalion, Company and Platoon.	
			Lieut J.S. Rogers, 14 th Battalion, Assistant Staff Officer 4 th Aus Inf. Brigade joined Divisional Headquarters, to assist in the "G" office, as Captain Keighley G.S.O. (3) left today to join the Junior Staff Officers Course at HESDIN, 6 weeks Course, and Major McKee, G.S.O. 2., leaves for England tonight on 10 days leave.	
			5 A.M. (copy to be made)	
	23 rd		The 2 nd Course of the Divisional School at LA CHAUSSEE, opened. 26 Officers and 104 N.C.Os. are to be trained at this & subsequent Courses. This is at the rate of 2 Officers and 8 NCOs per Battalion.	
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

1st ANZAC.

Fourth Army.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIGNACOURT	1916. Dec. 27	6 pm.	The G.O.C. and G.S.O.1. visited the 4th Bde. at CARDONNETTE. G.O.C. gave the C.Os of 13th, 14th, 16th Batts tactical exercises.	
	28.	6 pm.	A heavy frost in the morning and later a foggy day. The G.O.C. visited the 4th Divn. School at LA CHAUSSEE and inspected the work there. In the afternoon the G.S.O.1. lectured at the Divn. School on "Open Warfare". G.S.O.3 inspected the 13th Bde. Rifle Range between ST.VAST and LA CHAUSSEE. Brig. Gen. Holmes formerly G.O.C. 5th Aus. Inf. Bde. arrived preparatory to taking over command of the Division.	
	29.		A conference, attend by G.O.C., Brig.Gen.Holmes, and C.O's of Infantry Units throughout the Division was held at VIGNACOURT. For matters dealt with vide attached circular. A Boxing Tournament, for which 80 entries were received from all Divisional Units was commenced at VIGNACOURT. Brig.Gen.Holmes and the G.S.O.1, visited the 4th Div. School.	Not attached JSR.
	30.4.	30 pm.	G.S.O.3. visited 1st A.N.Z.A.C. Corps School at BOIS d'ESCARDONNEUSE to watch experiments with a new S.O.S.Signal. Statement showing disposition of units attached.	App. II. 24
	31.	8 pm.	Major-Gen. Sir H.V. Cox relinquished command of the Division today, the command being taken over by the Brig-Gen. W.Holmes. Div. Order No.41, referring to forward movement into "P" area issued today.	App. III/25

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 39

Headquarters,

1st December 1916.

Reference Map 1/100,000.

1. (a) The 4th Australian Division will be relieved by the 1st Australian Division, and move into X, Y and Z Areas as per table overleaf.
(b) G.O.C. 1st Australian Division will take over command of the Divisional Front at 11 A.M. on 7th December.
2. Relief of Brigades in the line will be carried out under arrangements to be made by Brigadiers. The G.O.C. the relieving Brigade will assume command of each Sector on completion of the relief, which will be notified to Divisional Headquarters.
3. Further instructions regarding the move by train will be issued by "Q".
4. The Divisional Artillery, the 4th, 12th and 13th Field Companies, 15th Battalion, 2 Companies 45th Battalion, the Pioneer Battalion, and the Divisional Train will remain distributed as at present.
5. Bearer Divisions of 12th and 13th Field Ambulances will entrain with the 13th Brigade on the 6th, and Bearer and Tent Divisions of the 4th Field Ambulance with the 4th Brigade on the 7th. The remainder of the 4th Field Ambulance will move to RIBEMONT by road on the 7th.
6. 500 yards will be maintained between the transport of each Unit while E. of MEAULTE.
7. Billeting parties will be sent on by Brigades overnight.
8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

OK Bernard
Lieut.-Colonel.

Issued at 6 P.M.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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TABLE OF MOVES

Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks
Dec. 4th	12th Aus. Inf. Bde. (less 1 battn.)	Reserve Area Camp	DERNANCOURT	Dismounted personnel by train about 8.45 A.M. from the QUARRY to MEAULT ^{re} , thence by march route. Train will stop at MAHETZ to pick up 48th Battalion. Transport by road under orders of G.O.C. 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.
	3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.	FRICOURT	Reserve Area Camp	
5th	2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.	FRICOURT	Reserve Area Camp	To arrive during afternoon.
5/6th	3rd Aus. Inf. Bde.	Reserve Area Camp	Line (Left Sector)	
	13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	Line	BUIRE	Dismounted personnel will on relief entrain about 3.45 A.M. at the QUARRY for MEAULT ^{re} Thence by march route. Transport by road on 6th under orders of G.O.C. 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.
6/7th	2nd Aus. Inf. Bde.	Reserve Area Camp	Line (Right Sector)	
	4th Aus. Inf. Bde. (less 1 Battalion.)	Line	RIBEMONT	Dismounted personnel will on relief entrain about 3.45 A.M. at the QUARRY for MEAULT ^{re} . Thence by march route. Transport by road on 7th under orders of G.O.C. 4th Aus. Inf. Bde.
7th	1st Aus. Inf. Bde.	FRICOURT	Reserve Area Camp	
	4th Aus. Div. H. Q.	POMMIERS REDOUBT	RIBEMONT	Opens at RIBEMONT at 11 A.M.
	1st Aus. Div. H. Q.	RIBEMONT	POMMIERS REDOUBT	Opens at POMMIERS at 11 A.M.
	Pack Transport Troop.	MONTAUBAN	RIBEMONT	

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 60

From 6 a.m. 30th November to 6 a.m. 1st December 1916.

Not to be taken into the Front Line.

Operations.

Artillery - The usual barrage was kept up on enemy's support line and approaches during the day and night. BACON TRENCH was shelled on movement being seen there. Howitzers shelled N.17.b.5.0. and a certain amount of registration was carried out.

Patrols - Patrols were active along the whole Divisional Front; right and left Brigade patrols connected at intervals during the night. One patrol searched for suspected sniper's post in valley N.20.a.5.L. but was unsuccessful. No sign of enemy patrols was seen.

Identifications

A prisoner of 101st R.I.R. was bombed and wounded by our bombers from SUNKEN ROAD post at about N.20.b.8.2. He was running towards the post. He reports his Company's strength is 40 and there is a similar number sick and wounded.

Enemy Movements

2 parties of enemy were seen to enter the hollow near BAYONET TRENCH N.14.c.1017, and went along the trench for a few yards and disappeared. Movement was also seen at N.20.a.8.1 1/2 several times during the day.

Enemy Artillery

Hostile artillery activity was normal throughout the last 24 hours. FLERS and GUEUDECOURT were intermittently shelled all day, and at SUNKEN ROAD junction of FLARE AVENUE and CHEESE ROAD received attention. At 3 P.M. a few shells fell in north end of DELVILLE WOOD at about S.12.b. GROVE AVENUE and adjacent valley were shelled with 77 mm at intervals throughout the day.

A. S. Reighton

Lieut. Colonel
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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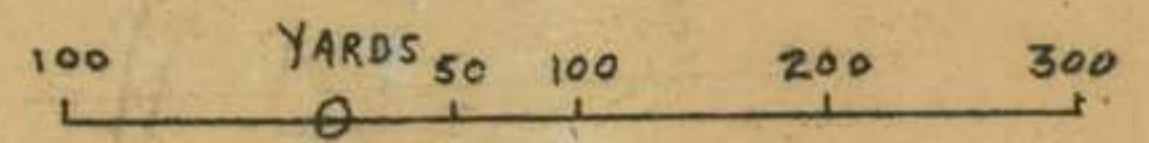
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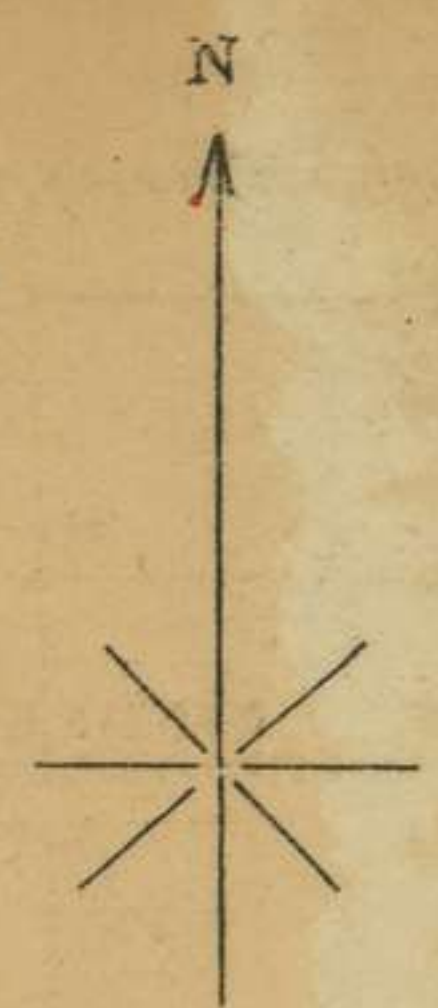
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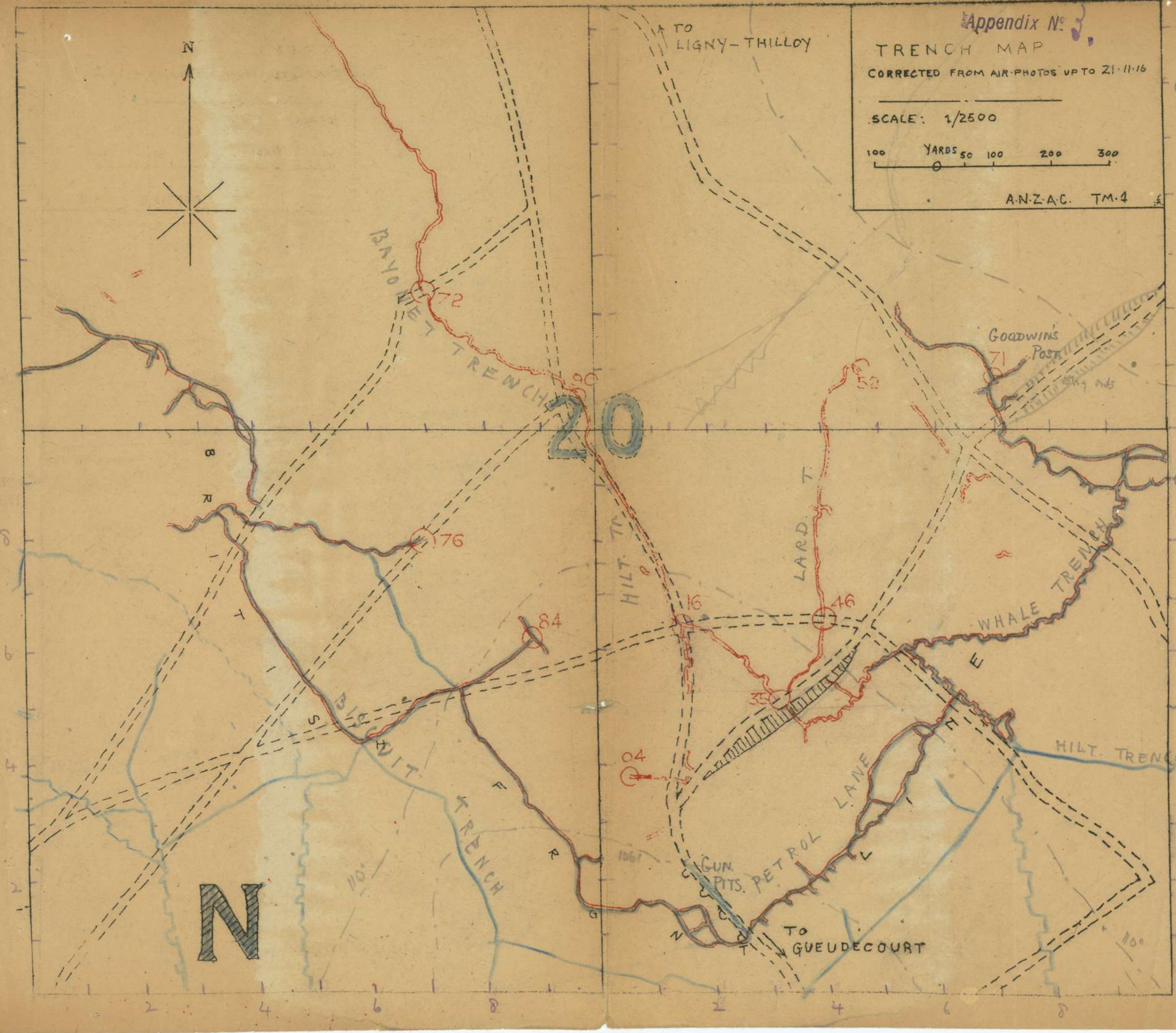
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SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

Maj-Gen., Sir H. V. COX, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.S.I.,
Comdg., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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The Division has now been in the Line more than three-quarters of its time. This has included spells of very cold and wet weather, and for the first half of the time shelter was very inadequate everywhere. In spite of this the wastage from sickness (especially from Trench or Swollen feet) has been very low indeed.

The Divisional Commander is well aware that this excellent record has been produced by -

(i) Forethought, and the best possible arrangements for the men's welfare by G.O's.C. Brigades and O's.C. Units, and Regimental Medical Officers.

(ii) Constant care for the men on the part of all officers,

and last, but not least, by the determined and cheery endurance of the men themselves. He is sure that in most, if not all of the units of the Division, the men are resolved not to give in. That spirit more than doubles their value as soldiers.

At POZIERES the Division came well through the stiffest fighting it will ever see; and its endurance of hardships is unlikely to be so highly tried again as here, for conditions are improving daily and will be very different a month hence.

He wishes particularly to place on record his appreciation of the admirable work done Captain C.R. WALSH, 4th Aust. Divisional Train, and all ranks of the Divisional Pack Transport Troop, without which no arrangements, however careful, could have succeeded.

E. Armstrong

Lieut-Colonel,
A.A. & Q.M.G.,
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Headquarters,
2nd December, 1916.



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Artillery - The usual day and night barrages were kept up on enemy's support and rear lines. Roads and tracks in N.8.b., N.9.a., N.15.b. and N.15.c. were searched during the morning. Our howitzers shelled BARLEY TRENCH and TILL TRENCH from 9 to 11 P.M., also SUNKEN ROAD in N.9.c.. Between 4 and 6 A.M. advantage was taken of the fog to fire on enemy's front line trenches N.20.a., 20.95. to N.14.c., 05.15.

Machine Guns - LUISENHOF FARM, SUNKEN ROAD to LIGNY-THILLOY and BARLEY TRENCH were subjected to indirect Machine Gun fire throughout the night.

Patrols - Patrols were active along the Divisional Front but reported everything quiet and no signs of enemy. One patrol was fired on from about N.20.a.6.1 $\frac{1}{2}$. An Officer's patrol from Right Brigade connected up with patrol of Division on our right.

Enemy Front and Support Lines

Listening Post is suspected at N.20.d.0.4.

Enemy Artillery.

During the night a few 77 mm. fell in battery position at T.2.a.7.9.; no damage resulted. During the past 24 hours there was normal shelling of GUEUDECOURT and SUNKEN ROAD running N.E. N.32.b. The roads in N.12.a. were shelled occasionally with 4.2" shells during the day. About 100 rounds of 77 mm fell in vicinity of duckboard track in T.2.a. between 12 noon and 3 P.M. At intervals during the day and night enemy shelled our front line in Left Brigade Sector; slight damage was caused in places, and the forward end of GROVE AVENUE again suffered damage. FLERS and area in S.12.b. were shelled with a few 5.9 H.E. during the day.

N. Wellington Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 62

From 6 a.m. 2nd December to 6 a.m. 3rd December, 1916

Not to be taken into the Front Line

Operations

Artillery - The usual day and night barrages were kept up on enemy support and rear lines. In addition special attention was paid to tracks and approaches to the support and front lines in order to harrass and interfere with an alleged enemy relief. Our howitzers shelled LUISENHOF FARM, N.20.c.45.20., BARLEY TRENCH, N.14.b., road junction N.7.b.9.4. At intervals throughout the day THILLOY, N.2.b.5.7., N.2.c.4.2., and N.7.b.9.2. were shelled. All covering groups completed a specially ordered registration.

Machine Guns - Our Vickers Guns carried out indirect fire on LUISENHOF FARM and BARLEY TRENCH.

Patrols - Patrols were active along the whole Divisional front, and connected up with the Division on our right. No signs of enemy movements were seen. Patrol from our right Brigade reports that old enemy post at N.20.d.05.40. is occupied.

Enemy Front and Support Lines.

An enemy Machine Gun emplacement operating near N.21.d.25.70 enfiladed road running through centre of GURUDECOURT at intervals during the night. This gun also sweeps the parapet of GREASE TRENCH.

Enemy Artillery.

Enemy maintained their usual fire on duckboard track in T.2.a. during the night. Enemy searched N.30.c. for our batteries during the night with field guns. An ammunition dump caught fire but was soon extinguished, only a few rounds were damaged.

Enemy Signalling.

At 2.19 p.m. the enemy fired 9-9.5" H.E. into his own line at N.20.b.4.0. whereupon the occupants of LARD TRENCH sent up 7 red rockets in great haste. At 2.32 p.m. 8 more H.E. shells fell into the same place; 12 red rockets were at once sent up, 5 of which burst into 4 red stars. At 2.48, 3.20 and 4.5 p.m. enemy again shelled his own line at this place; showers of red rockets were fired. The range then shortened and our own parapet at N.20.b.7.0. was hit. Enemy then sent up from LARD TRENCH a rocket which burst into a red and green star, followed up by a white rocket; the shelling then ceased.

N. Wellington Capt. for Lieut.-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,

G.S. CIRCULAR No. 50.

3rd December 1916.

The G.O.C. wishes the following general instructions as regards training to be carried out when the Division leaves the Line.

For the First Week

- (1) In the morning, physical drill and running drill for men who are perfectly "fit in the feet". Followed by cleaning up of all arms, equipment and clothing, and kit inspections. In the afternoon, short steady drill, saluting drill etc. Weather permitting, short route marches beginning with 2 miles and gradually increasing to 5 or 6.
- (2) Special care is to be taken of men whose feet have suffered in front line and who are not completely recovered. They should be picked out the day after their Unit reaches billets by the Company Commanders and R.M.O. They will be put on light duty or excused duty, if necessary, and treated by the R.M.O. until quite fit. The A.D.M.S. is issuing special instructions on this subject to all R.M.Os.
- (3) Men are not to be kept standing about in the open, except for brief periods, and wherever possible kit inspections will take place under cover.

OK Bernard

Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 63.

From 6 a.m. 3rd December to 6 a.m. 4th December, 1916.

Not to be taken into the Front Line

Operations

Artillery - : The usual day and night barrages were kept up on enemy's support and rear lines. During the day our forward guns took advantage of the fog and "searched" for possible enemy working parties.

Machine Guns - Our Vickers guns carried out indirect fire on LUISENHOF FARM and BARLEY TRENCH.

Patrols - Patrols were active along the Divisional Front. No enemy movement was seen, nor enemy patrols encountered.

Enemy's Artillery.

From 2.15 P.M. to 3.25 P.M. enemy heavily bombarded Right Brigade Sector from N.21.5. to N.20.3.. N.20.2 suffered considerable damage. During this bombardment LARD TRENCH and STORMY TRENCH received a good proportion of the shells; LARD TRENCH was seen to be badly damaged. Intermittent shelling was kept up throughout the rest of the day on this Sector. It has been noticed that considerable hostile artillery activity has been directed against this portion of the line during the last two days. Enemy also shelled areas in N.19.c. and N.31.d. briskly throughout the afternoon.

Enemy's Front and Support Lines.

Trench Mortar Emplacement is suspected at N.20.b.15.55 in angle formed by road branches to west and north-west. An O.P. is suspected at N.20.a.1.8. where an observer with glasses was seen.

Enemy Signalling.

During the afternoon bombardment of the Right Brigade front, enemy shelled their own line in LARD and STORMY TRENCHES. Red cluster rockets were immediately fired from enemy lines and repeated by rocket stations to the rear. This continued till the range was lengthened when white cluster rockets were sent up.

N. Wellington Capt.
for Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th, AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS.
Divisional Headquarters	POMMIERS REDO	UDT. A. 1. B. 63	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	} Right Sector of the line.	S. 12. B. 8.7	Trenches. Centr at 2d A. 2. A. Bulls Road.
13th Battalion		SWITCHPAD GAP	
14th "		S. 21. D. S. 21 B	
15th "		N. 31. B. 40	
16th "		3rd line	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
12th Aus. Inf. Bde H.Q.	} (less 2 Coy)	DERNANCOURT.	2 Coy at New Castle Camp S. 15. D. 55.
45th Battalion.			
46th "			
47th "			
48th "			
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
13th Aus. Inf. Bde H.Q.	} Left Sector of the line.	S. 12. B. 5.7	Final line. FLERS. Support.
49th Battalion.		S. 18. C. 6.5	
50th "		S. 22. B. 1.2	
51st "		S. 31. B. 2.0	
52nd "		N. 31. C. 37.	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
10th Transport A Units	POMMIERS	A. 1. A. and B	
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS REDO	UDT. A. 1. B. 63	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6. C. 53.	
11th "		NADURS.	
12th "		S. 16. D. 47.	
24th "		M. 30. A. 80.	
W.4.A. H.T.M. Battery	} ALBERT	22 Rue de la Papeterie.	
X.4.A. H.T.M. "			
Y.4.A. H.T.M. "			
Z.4.A. H.T.M. "			
Div. Ammunition Column	S. 27. B. 0.9 1/2	(1 Sec. at NADURS.)	
Amunition Sub-Park.		D. 17. D	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS REDO	DOUBT A. 1. B. 63.	
4th Aus. Field Company		S. 22. D. Centr.	
12th "		S. 23. A. 45	
13th "		S. 17. C. 72	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.	POMMIERS REDO	DOUBT. A. 1. B. 63.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15. D. 20.	
Divisional Train H.Q.	} Headquarters	E. 11. Centr. d.	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
26th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
Supply Column.			
Railhead.	ALBERT, MON	RIBEMONT	EDGEHILL
Pack Transport Troop		TAUBAN & MERICOURT. ^	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance		MONTAUBAN	
12th "		S. 22. D. 90.	
13th "		BECORDEL.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		S. 21. D. 30.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		E. 10. D	
		BELLEVUE FARM	

Pa. 5th Dec. 1916.

H. M. P. Major-General.
Comdg. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 64

From 6 a.m. 4th November to 6 a.m. 5th November 1916.

Not to be taken into the Front Line

Operations.

Artillery - Enemy tracks in N.9.a. and N.8.c. were engaged by our forward guns in an endeavour to intercept a suspected relief of 100th R.I.R. The low ground and roads in N.14.a. & c., and N.20.a. were "searched". Our howitzers "searched" roads and tracks in N.9.a., N.9.c., N.15.a., N.15.c., N.21.a. and STORMY TRENCH in N.21.a. during the early part of the night. During the day BAYONET TRENCH and ground in rear were thoroughly swept by our fire. Barrage lines were checked during the day by Group Commanders.

Machine Guns - Indirect fire was carried out on LUISENHOF FARM, BARLEY TRENCH and other selected targets in rear of enemy's front lines.

Patrols - Patrols were active throughout the night; touch being kept with both flank Divisions. An Officer's patrol from left Brigade took up a position as a standing patrol in the gully on right front of their Brigade and about 200 yards from the front line. No enemy activity was noticed, and the patrol returned to our lines after remaining out for 3½ hours.

Enemy Artillery.

FLERS and GUEUDECOURT were shelled with 4.2" and 5.9" H.E. during the day. S.12.b. was shelled with 4.2" H.E. during the night. During the morning N.30.a. & b., SUNKEN ROAD in N.30.a. N.26.c. and N.32.b. were briskly shelled. At 9.15 A.M. enemy shelled his own lines in N.20.d. with 5.9" H.E. and 77 mm. Numerous plain red and red star flares were immediately sent up and numerous cries were heard as if a number of casualties had resulted from the shelling. Considerable damage was caused to forward end of GROVE AVENUE, and our front line in left Brigade Sector was breached in four places.

Enemy Aircraft.

There was considerable enemy aerial activity during the day. At 11.15 a.m. and at 3 p.m. an enemy contact plane flew low over our lines and dropped flare signals. One enemy plane was brought down in rear of enemy lines at 10.30 a.m. and an enemy plane brought down one of ours at 11 a.m. in the vicinity of N.26.d.1.2.; the machine was wrecked and the pilot killed.

N. Wellington Capt
for Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units.

UNIT.	Shoot	Map Square 1:40,000	REMARKS.	
Divisional Headquarters.	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A 1. B. 63.		
4th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	Right Sector of the line	S. 12. B. 87.	Trench T. 7. A	
13th. Battalion		N. 24. C. 47.		
14th. "		SWITCH and GAP - at the end of the line		
15th. "		S. 21. 83. 7. 2.		
16th. "		N. 31. 4. 8. 0.		
4th. Aus. M.G. Company.		in the line.		BULLS ROAD
4th. Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			2 Coy at S. 15. B. 55	
12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	}	DERNA COURT.		
45th. Battalion (less 2 Coy)				
46th. "				
47th. "				
48th. "				
12th. Aus. M.G. Company				
12th. Aus. L.T.M. Bty.				
13th. Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	}	BUIRE.	E. 21. B. 0. 0.	
49th. Battalion			E. 21. A. 0. 08.	
50th. "			E. 21. A. 4. 6.	
51st. "			E. 20. D. 9. 8.	
52nd. "			E. 21. A. 0. 1.	
13th. Aus. M.G. Company			E. 21. A. 7. 8.	
13th. Aus. L.T.M. Bty.				
14th. M.G. Transport of Units	the Finlay Ma.	A. 1. A and B.		
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS REDOUBT.	A. 1. D. 63.	aircraft M.G.s. at Railhead of E. 16. A. 06 E. 16. B. 1. 5 E. 15. C. 45	
10th. A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6. C. 53		
11th. "		NAOURS		
12th. "		S. 16. D. 47		
24th. "		M. 30. A. 80.		
V. 4. A. H.T.M. Battery	}	ALBERT	Papene	
X. 4. A. M.T.M.				22 Rue de la.
Y. 4. A. M.T.M.				
Z. 4. A. M.T.M.				
Div. Ammunition Column		S. 27. B. 0. 9 1/2	(1 Sec. at NAOURS)	
Ammunition Sub-Park.		D. 17. D.		
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS REDOUBT.	A. 1. B. 63	VIGNA COURT ~ 12 1/2	
4th. Aus. Field Company		S. 22. D. Central		
12th. "		S. 23. A. 45		
13th. "		S. 17. C. 72.		
4th. Aus. Signal Company	POMMIERS REDOUBT.	A. 1. B. 63		
4th. Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15. D. 20.		
Divisional Tr in H.Q.	}	Headquarters	E. 11. Central	
14th. Coy. A.A.S.C.				
7th. Coy. A.A.S.C.				
26th. Coy. A.A.S.C.				
27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.				
Supply Column.				
Railroads				
Park Transport Troop.				
4th. Aus. Field Ambulance				
12th. "				
13th. "				
4th. Aus. Mob. Vet. Sect.				
4th. Aus. Salvago Coy.				
	ALBERT, MONT	RIBEMONT	at EDGEHILL.	
		AUBAN, MERICOURT		
		MONTAUDAN		
		S. 22. D. 9. B.	→ Ribemont on 7 th AA.	
		BELORDEL.		
		S. 21. D. 38.		
		E. 10. B.		
		BELLEVUE FARM.		

Paris 6th Dec. 1916.

Major-General.
Comdg., 4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 65.

From 6 a.m. 5th December to 6 a.m. 6th December, 1916.

Not to be taken into the Front Line

Operations.

The relief of the 13th Aus. Infantry Brigade was carried out successfully by the 3rd Aus. Infantry Brigade during the night.

Artillery - The usual night fire was maintained by all Groups of our Artillery. Counter-battery work by our Artillery at 1.30 p.m. caused enemy to cease his heavy shelling of our front line. Some excellent shooting was done by our Artillery on STORMY TRENCH at 8 p.m.. Enemy working parties which were working on wire in this vicinity were dispersed.

Machine Guns - Our Machine Guns carried out the usual indirect fire on enemy's rear lines, supports and communications. The Lewis Guns of our Right Brigade found some excellent targets in enemy's working parties which were active opposite GOODWINS POST; these were dispersed and casualties caused.

Grenades - The Right Battalion of our Right Brigade successfully silenced an enemy sniper who had been troublesome by the use of rifle grenades.

Patrols - The usual patrols were out on both of our Brigade Sectors, and connected up with one another. The low lying ground in front of WHALE TRENCH was patrolled and also other parts of the front. No enemy movement was seen.

Enemy's Activity.

On the Right Sector of our Right Brigade the enemy artillery has not been so active during the last 24 hours, but the Left Sector has been subjected to the usual heavy fire of 77 mm., 4.2" and 5.9". This is an enfilade fire and comes from the direction of LE TRANSLOY. On our Left Brigade front the enemy shelled the vicinity of our front line and HAY RESERVE heavily from 11.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.; little damage being done. The rear areas in this Sector were also shelled intermittently throughout the day. During the night the enemy was unduly active with 77s, 4.2" in vicinity of Battery positions and Group Headquarters. Between 10.30 p.m. and 2 a.m. he put over about 50 tear shells, and searched and swept the FLERS Road and tramway throughout the night of the 4th. The enemy seems to use his 5.9" for F.L.T. work and 4.2" and 77 mm. for back areas. During the morning of the 5th the enemy again shelled CHEESE TRENCH, N.26.a.3.P., which he has done for the last three days.

A.S.KEIGHLEY Captain

for Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

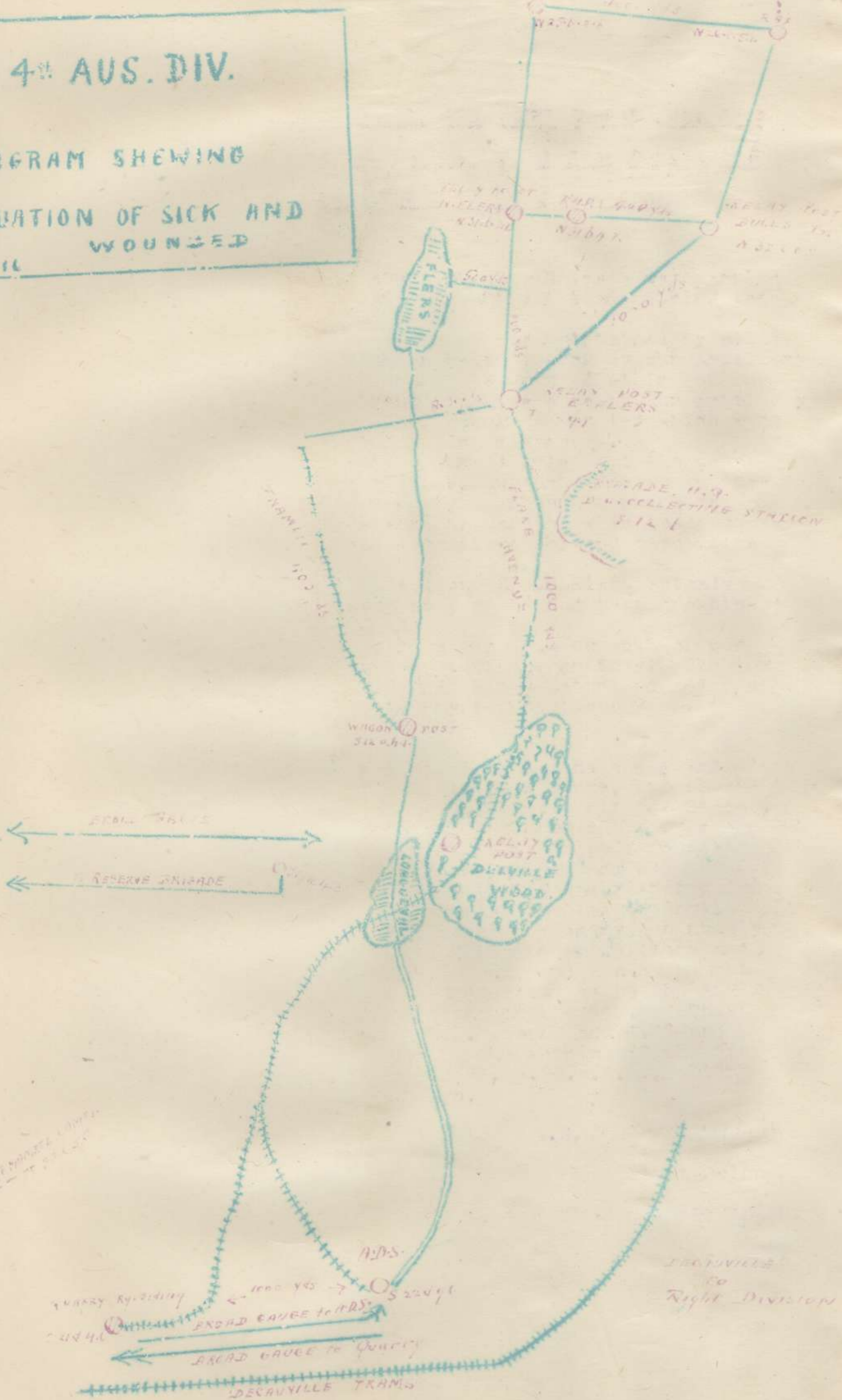
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4TH AUSTRALIAN
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

U N I T	Sheet	Map Square 1:40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.			
13th Battalion			
14th "			
15th "			
16th "	Less 15th Bn.	RIBEMONT	15th Bn. S.21.b.3.7.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.			
45th Battalion			
46th "			
47th "			
48th "	Less 2 Coys.	BERNANCOURT	(2 Coys 45th Bn. (at S.15.b.5.5.
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	No 45 Main Street		
49th Battalion		E.21.b.0.0.	
50th "		S.21.a.0.1.	Anti-aircraft M.Gs. at Railhead
51st "		E.21.a.4.6.	
52nd "	BUIRE	E.20.d.9.8.	Village Hall E.16.a.0.6.
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.		E.21.a.0.1.	E.16.b.1.5.
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		E.21.a.7.8.	E.15.c.4.5.
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.5.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S.6.c.5.3.	
11th "		NAOURS	
12th "		S.16.d.4.7.	
24th "		M.30.a.8.0.	
V.4.A. H.T.M. Bty.			
X.4.A. "	ALBERT	22 RUE de la PAPERIE	
Y.4.A. "			
Z.4.A. "			
Div. Ammunition Column	S.27.b.0.9.	(1 Sec. at NAOURS)	
Ammunition Sub-Park		D.17.d.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.		POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.3.
4th Aus. Field Coy.		S.22.d. central	
12th "		S.23.a.4.5. to VIGNACOURT on 12th	
13th "		S.17.c.7.2.	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S.15.d.2.0.	
Divisional Train H.Q.			
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th "	Headquarters	E.11.central.	
26th "			
27th "			
Supply Column		RIBEMONT	
Railheads	ALBERT, MONTAUBAN, MERICOURT and EDGEHULL.		
Pack Transport Troop		MONTAUBAN	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance		RIBEMONT	
12th "		RECORDEL	
13th "		S.21.d.3.8.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E.10.b.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		BELLEVUE FARM	

8 A.M. 7th Dec. 1916

H.M. Richardson Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUS. DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units left in Front Area.

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters			
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.			
13th Battalion			
14th "			
15th "		S.21.b.3.7.	
16th "			
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.			
45th Battalion	2 Coys	S.15.b.5.5.	
46th "			
47th "			
48th "			
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.			
49th Battalion			
50th "			
51st "			
52nd "			
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S.6.c.5.3.	
11th "		NAOURS	
12th "		S.16.d.4.7.	
24th "		M.30.a.8.0.	
V.4.A. H.T.M. Bty.	ALBERT 22 RUE de la PAPERIE		
X.4.A. "			
Y.4.A. "			
Z.4.A. "			
Div. Ammunition Column		S.27.b.0.9. (1 Sec. at NAOURS)	
Ammunition Sub-Park		D.17.d.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy.		S.22.d. central	
12th "		S.23.a.4.5. to VIGNACOURT on 12th	
13th "		S.17.c.7.2.	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.	POMMIERS REDOUBT	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S.15.d.2.0.	
Divisional Train H.Q.	Headquarters	E.11. Central	
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th "			
26th "			
27th "			
Supply Column			
Railhead			
Pack Transport Troop			
14th Aus. Field Ambulance		BECORDEL	
15th "		S.21.d.3.8.	
15th "		E.10.b.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		BELLEVUE FARM	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.			

Noon 7th Dec. 1916.

Major-General.
Commanding 4th AUS. DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1:40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters		RIBEMONT.	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	} less 15 th Bn.	RIBEMONT.	15 th Bn. S. 21. B. 37.
13 th Battalion			
14 th " "			
15 th " "			
16 th " "			
4th Aus. M.G. Coy. 4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
12 th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	} less 2 Coys.	DERNANCOURT.	2 Coy 45 th Bn. S. 15. B. 55
45 th Battalion			
46 th " "			
47 th " "			
48 th " "			
12 th Aus. M.G. Coy. 12 th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
13 th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	}	BUIRE.	
49 th Battalion			
50 th " "			
51 st " "			
52 nd " "			
13 th Aus. M.G. Coy. 13 th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS.	A. 1. B. 63.	on 20 th to Buire on 21 st Wagon line
10 th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6. C. 53.	
11 th " "		NAOURS. S. 16. D. 47.	
12 th " "		M. 30. A. 20.	
14 th " "		on 22 nd to FRANVILLERS	
V. 4. A. H.T.M. Bty.			
X. 4. A. " "	} ALBERT.	(less 1 sub at NAOURS) S. 27. B. 09 D 17 D.	
Y. 4. A. " "			
Z. 4. A. " "			
Div. Ammunition Column Ammunition Sub-Park			
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS.	A. 1. B. 63.	→ 5 VIGNACOURT M 12" → 5 HAMETZ M 95
4 th Aus. Field Coy.		S. 22. D. Central.	
12 th " "		S. 23. A. 45.	
13 th " "		S. 17. C. 72.	
4 th Aus. Signal Coy.		RIBEMONT.	
4 th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15. D. 20.	
Divisional Train H.Q.	}	E. 11. Central	
14 th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7 th " "			
26 th " "			
27 th " "			
Supply Column Railhead			
Pack Transport Troop		RIBEMONT	+ disbanded on 7 th
4 th Aus. Field Ambulance		RIBEMONT	→ Sanitary Sect. E. 11. D. on 16 th Sects. attached to Bdes
12 th " "		RECORDEL	
13 th " "		S. 21. D. 38.	
4 th Aus. mob. Vet. Sec.		E. 10. B.	
4 th Aus. Salvage Coy.		DELLEVUE FARM.	S. 21. D.

Pa 8th Dec 16.

H.P. McKeogh Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUS. DIVISION.

To

Headquarters,

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

12th December 1916.

4th Aus. Division Artillery School.

1. (a) The Artillery School will instruct Officers and other ranks belonging to the resting F.A. Brigade.

(b) The Courses will not start for at least 4 or 5 days after each Brigade comes out of the line, and will finish 2 or 3 days before the Brigade returns to the line.

(c) Those attending the School will live separate from their Brigade, and there will be an Officers' and N.C.Os' Mess belonging to the School.

2. The Staff of the School will consist of Lieut-Colonel Rabett and Lieut. Coe permanent, also one Captain, one Subaltern and the necessary N.C.Os. - all the latter to be changed by degrees. The changes not to take place all at once, but to be arranged so as to overlap.

3. The School will consist of 2 Classes - one for junior Officers with the object of making them thoroughly qualified Section Commanders, and one for N.C.Os. (to include Sergeants for refresher course) Corporals, Bombardiers and a few selected acting Bombardiers, who would make good N.C.Os., these to be trained to make efficient Sergeants.

4. A separate Course for Telephonists and Signallers will be run under Divisional arrangements (as a Divisional Signal School will shortly be started, telephonists and signallers will probably attend a course there.)

5. The Course will concentrate principally on the following :

Foot Drill and setting up drill, Gun drill, Laying, Fuze Setting, etc., Lectures on various subjects such as Stable management, Description of Fuzes now in use etc.

Rifle Exercises and Musketry.

Equitation and driving will be taught if ^{the} necessary ground for this purpose can be procured.

(Sd) D. K. Bernard.

Lieut-Colonel.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy to :-

C. R. A.
Lt-Col. Rabett.
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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Headquarters,

13th December 1916.

G.S. Circular No. 51.

TRAINING

With reference to Training instructions already issued. The Divisional Commander wishes Training on the following general lines to be undertaken on arrival in the Training Area.

1. Movement must be the keynote of all Training, which should consist largely of practice in -

Rapid advances against enemy trenches in open order.
Reassembly and re-organization after an attack.
Charges with fixed bayonets against a line of Trenches, edge of a wood, etc.
Rapid deployment from close order into extended lines.
Closing from extended order into small columns while on the move.

All the above exercises should be carried out as part of some small scheme, and not merely as a drill without an objective. The country lends itself to such schemes.

2. A short parade before breakfast for running and physical drill should be included in the daily programme.
3. Musketry will be carried out on the 30 yard ranges in each Brigade Area and should be so arranged that only very small parties go to the range at one time. This will save men the discomfort of standing about waiting their turn to fire.
Rapid Loading will be practised constantly. It is hoped that dummy cartridges for this purpose will soon be issued.
4. Route Marches should take place 2 or 3 days a week, followed by careful foot inspections. The R.M.O. should attend these inspections at least once a week.
5. Machine and Lewis Guns should take part in any Infantry exercises that are carried out, covering an advance or retirement, occupying tactical points, etc.
Bombers and Rifle Grenade Parties should also take part in these tactical exercises whenever the scheme permits of them being profitably employed.
6. A number of partly trained Reinforcements will shortly join the Division. Their training must be pushed on as rapidly as possible. They will be trained under Battalion arrangements, specially selected Officers being detailed for the work. These men will be attached to Companies, in excess of establishment, and will be placed at the disposal of their Company Officers at least one day a week, for the purpose of kit inspections, marching order inspections, etc. They will be absorbed into the establishment of their Battalions as they become efficient.
7. Further instructions regarding Tactical Exercises without troops, Lectures on Staff Duties, etc. will be issued.

O.K. Bernard.
Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 40.

Headquarters,
15th December 1918.

Reference Map 1/100,000.

1. The 4th Australian Division will move to "T" Area in relief of the 2nd Australian Division, as per table overleaf.
2. Further details regarding entrainment of 12th and 13th Aus. Infantry Brigades will be issued by "Q".
3. (a) The 12th Aus. M.G. Company will relieve the Section of the 6th Aus. M.G. Company on anti-aircraft duty at FLESSELLES on the 17th instant. G.O.C. 12th Aus. Infantry Brigade will arrange for this relieving party to go forward with the transport on the 16th.
(b) The Sections on anti-aircraft duty in "R" Area will be relieved on the 16th and 17th instants by the 2nd Aus. Division, who will send forward personnel and guns by bus on the 16th instant.
4. The 12th and 13th Aus. Infantry Brigades will each detail a senior Officer to take charge of transport on the march.
5. The following intervals will be maintained between Units on the march :-

200	yards	between	Battalions
200	"	"	Transport of each Unit.
100	"	"	Companies.
6. Sections of the 4th Field Ambulance will accompany and be attached to Infantry Brigades as shown overleaf. The transport of each Section of the 4th Field Ambulance will march with the transport of the Brigade to which the Section is attached.
7. Billeting parties, including parties for the Transport Staging billets, will proceed to the new areas overnight.
8. Divisional Headquarters will close at RIBEMONT at 12 noon on the 18th instant, and open at VIGNACOURT at the same hour.
9. Acknowledge.

D. Rossard
Lieut-Colonel.
G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Extra copies to:-

No. 16	2nd Aus. Division.
22	A.N.Z.A.C.
23	
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25	1st Aus. Division.
26	3rd Squadron, R.F.C.

Issued at 2 P.M.

TABLE OF MOVES

Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks
Dec. 16th	4th Aus. Inf. Bde. C. Sec. 4th Field Ambce.	RIBERONT	G (CARDONETTE) Area	Via HEILLY, BONNAY, LA NEUVILLE- QUERRIEU - Pt E. 26.a.O.4. Not to reach QUERRIEU before 11.30 A.M. and to be clear by 1 P.M. Via HEILLY, Not to reach HEILLY before 11.30 A.M.
	Transport 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	DERMANCOURT	BONNAY	
17th	12th Aus. Inf. Bde. } Dismounted B Sec. 4th Field Amb } personnel	DERMANCOURT RIBERONT	B (FLESSELLES) Area	By train from EDGWHILL to FLESSELLES.
	Transport 12th Aus. Inf. Bde.	BONNAY	B (FLESSELLES) Area	Via QUERRIEU (to be clear of QUERRIEU by 11.30 A.M.)
	Transport 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	BUIRE	FRANVILLERS	Via HEILLY not to reach Pt. C. 29.d. 9.8. before 10 A.M. and to be clear of HEILLY by 11.30 A.M.
18th	13th Aus. Inf. Bde. } Dismounted A Sec. 4th Field Amb } personnel	BUIRE	A (VIGNACOURT) Area	By train from EDGWHILL to VIGNACOURT
	Transport 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.	FRANVILLERS	A (VIGNACOURT) Area	Via FOLLIENS and VILLERS FOCAGE To be clear of FOLLIENS by noon.

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 13th Aus. Inf. Bde.
 A Sec. 4th Field Amb
 FRANVILLERS
 VIGNACOURT
 DIVISION
 Colonel

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RAINVILLE	
13th Battalion		COIXY	
14th "		RAINVILLE	
15th "	Less 15th Bn.	CARDONETTE	15th Bn. at S. 21. b. 3. 7.
16th "		CARDONETTE	
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.			
45th Battalion			
46th "	Less 2 Coys.		2 Coys. 45th Bn. S. 15. b. 5. 5.
47th "			
48th "		DENNANCOURT	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.			
49th Battalion			
50th "			
51st "		BUIRE	
52nd "			
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS	A. 1. b. 6. 3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6. c. 5. 3.	
11th "		WACURS	On 20th to BUIRE. On 21st
12th "		S. 16. d. 4. 7.	to Wagon Lires.
24th "		M. 30. a. 8. 0.	2nd to FRANVILLERS
V. 4. A. H.T.M. Bty.	ALBERT		
X. 4. A. M.T.M. Bty.			
Y. 4. A. "			
Z. 4. A. "			
Div. Ammunition Column	(Less 1 Sec. at	WACURS)	S. 27. b. 0. 9.
Ammunition Sub-Park			D. 17. d.
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS	A. 1. b. 6. 3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy.		S. 22. d. central	
12th "		VIGNACOURT.	
13th "		MAMETZ	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.		RIBEMONT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15. d. 2. 0.	
Divisional Train H.Q.			
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th "		E. 11 Central.	
26th "			
27th "			
Supply Column		RIBEMONT.	
Railhead		EDGESHILL.	
Pack Transport Troop			
4th Aus. Field Ambulance		1st of CARDONETTE	Cuts RIBEMONT
12th "		SECHEL	attached
13th "		S. 21. d. 3. 8.	(to 1st Coy.)
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E. 10. b.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		BELLEVUE FARM	

8 AM. Dec 17. 1916.

Major-General,
Commanding 4th AUS. DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1:40,000	REMARKS	
<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>		RIBEMONT.		
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RAINVILLE		
13th Battalion		COISY		
14th "		RAINVILLE		
15th "		S. 21. B. 37.		
16th "		} CARDONETTE		
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.				
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.				
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		FLESSELLES		
45th Battalion		— : —		
46th "		STVAAST EN CHAUSSEE		
47th "		} FLESSELLES		
48th "				
12th M.G. Coy.		FREMONT		
12th L.T.M. Bty.		— : —		
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>	}			
49th Battalion				
50th "			BUIRE,	
51st "				
52nd "				
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.				
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.				
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS.	A-1. B. 6.3		
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6. C. 5.3		
11th " "		NAOURS.		
12th " "		S. 16. D. 4.7		
24th " "		M. 30. A. 8.0		
V. 4. A. H.T.M. Bty.	}			
X. 4. A. " "			ALBERT.	
Y. 4. A. " "				
Z. 4. A. " "				
Div. Ammunition Column		(see list at NAOURS) S. 27 B. 0.9		
Ammunition Sub-Park		D. 17. D.		
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS.	A. 1. B. 6.3		
4th Aus. Field Coy		S. 22. D. Central		
12th " "		VIGNACOURT		
13th " "		MAMETZ		
4th Aus. Signal Coy		RIBEMONT.		
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15. D. 2.0.		
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>	}			
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			E. 11. Central.	
7th " "				
26th " "				
27th " "			RIBEMONT.	
Supply Column			VIGNACOURT.	
Railhead				
Pack Transport Troop				
4th Aus. Field Ambulances		CARDONETTE - FLESSELLES and BUIRE		
12th " "		RECORDEL.		
13th " "		S. 21. D. 3.8		
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E. 10. B.		
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		BELLEVUE FARM.		

8 am - 18th Dec.
To 1st ANZAC.

H. M. P. ...
Major-General.
Commanding 4th AUS. DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS
Divisional Headquarters		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RAINVILLE	
13th Battalion		COISY ^{NE}	
14th "		RAINVILLE	
15th "		S.21.b.3.7.	
16th "			
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		CARDONETTE	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		FLESSELLES	
45th Battalion		-----:-----	
46th "		St VAAST EN CHAUSSEE	
47th "			
48th "		FLESSELLES	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		FREMONT	
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		VIGNACOURT	
49th Battalion		LA CHAUSSEE	
50th "		St VAAST EN CHAUSSEE	
51st "			
52nd "		VIGNACOURT	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S.6.c.5.3.	
11th "		NAOURS - <i>to BUIRE on 20^e + Wagny bis on 21^e</i>	
12th "		S.16.d.4.7.	
24th "		M.30.a.8.0. - <i>to Frankvillers on 22^e + NAOURS on 23^e</i>	
V.4.A. H.T.M. Battery			
X.4.A. H.T.M. Battery		ALBERT	
Y.4.A. H.T.M. Battery			
Z.4.A. H.T.M. Battery			
Div. Ammunition Column	(1 Sec. at NAOURS)	S.27.b.0.9.	<i>(3rd Sect. to relieve X)</i>
Ammunition Sub-Park.		D.17.d.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Company		S.22.d. central	
12th " " "		VIGNACOURT	
13th " " "		MAMETZ	
4th " Signal Coy.		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Co.		S.15.d.2.0.	
Divisional Train H.Q.			
1 st Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th Coy. A.A.S.C.		E.11. central.	
20th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
27th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
Supply Column.		VIGNACOURT	
Railhead.			
Pack Transport Troop		-----	
4th Aus. Field Ambulance	CARDONNETTE,	FLESSELLES and VIGNACOURT.	
12th "		BECORDEL.	
13th "		S.21.d.3.8.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E.10.b.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		BELLEVUE FARM.	

8 A.M. 20th Dec. 1916.

H.M. Thompson
Major-General
Comdg. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1:250,000	REMARKS
<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		RAINNEVILLE	
13th Battalion		COISY	
14th "		RAINNEVILLE	
15th "		S.21.b.3.7.	
16th "			2 Coy Holman on 26 th
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		GARDONNETTE	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		FLESSELLES	
45th Battalion (less 2 Coy)	units rejoin on 26 th	-----:-----to	
46th "		St VAAST en CHAUSSEE	
47th "			
48th "		FLESSELLES	
12th M.G. Coy.			on 26 th tank
12th L.T.M. Bty.		FREMONT	
<u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.</u>		VIGNACOURT	
49th Battalion		LA CHAUSSEE	
50th "		St VAAST en CHAUSSEE	
51st "			
52nd "		VIGNACOURT	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
<u>Div. Artillery H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S.6.c.5.3.	
11th " "		M.30.a.8.0.	
12th " "		S.16.d.4.7.	
24th " "		NAOURS	
V.4.A. H.T.M. Bty.			on 26 th to tank
X.4.A. M.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
Y.4.A. " "			
Z.4.A. " "			
Div. Ammunition Column (*1 Sec. at NAOURS)		S.27.b.0.9.	(3rd Sec. to relieve *)
Ammunition Sub-Park		D.17.d.	
<u>Div. Engineers H.Q.</u>	POMMIERS	A.1.b.6.3.	
4th Aus. Field Coy		S.22.d. central.	
12th "		VIGNACOURT	
13th "		MAMETZ	
4th Aus. Signal Coy		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S.15.d.2.0.	
<u>Divisional Train H.Q.</u>			
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.			
7th "		E.11. central.	
26th "			
27th "			
Supply Column		VIGNACOURT.	
Railhead			
Pack Transport Troop		-----	
4th Aus. Field Ambulances	GARDONNETTE, FLESSELLES and VIGNACOURT.		
12th "	BEGORDEL		
13th "	S.21.d.3.8.		
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.	E.10.b.		
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.	BELLEVUE FARM.		

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8a. 24th Dec.

M. J. M. G. Major-General.
Commanding 4th AUS. DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

Distribution of Units

UNIT	Sheet	Map Square 1/40,000	REMARKS
<u>Divisional Headquarters</u>			
4th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		VIGNACOURT	
13th Battalion		RAINNEVILLE	
14th Battalion		GOISY	
15th Battalion		RAINNEVILLE	
16th Battalion		S. 12. b. 3. 7.	2 Coys QUARRY.
4th Aus. M.G. Coy.		CARDONNETTE	
4th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
12th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		FLESSELLES	
45th Battalion		FLESSELLES	
46th Battalion		ST VAAST en CHAUSSEE	
47th Battalion			
48th Battalion		FLESSELLES	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.		FREMONT	
12th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.		VAUX	
13th Aus. Inf. Bde. H.Q.		VIGNACOURT	
49th Battalion		LA CHAUSSEE	
50th Battalion		ST VAAST en CHAUSSEE	
51st Battalion			
52nd Battalion		VIGNACOURT	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.			
13th Aus. L.T.M. Bty.			
Div. Artillery H.Q.	POMMIERS	A. 1. b. 6. 3.	
10th A.F.A. Brigade		S. 6. c. 5. 3.	
11th " "		M. 30. a. 8. 0.	
12th " "		S. 16. d. 4. 7.	
24th " "		NAOURS	
V. 4. A. H.T.M. Bty.		ALBERT	
X. 4. A. H.T.M. Bty		VAUX	
Y. 4. A. M.T.M. Bty		ALBERT	
Z. 4. A. M.T.M. Bty		ALBERT	
Div. Ammunition Column	1 Sec. NAOURS.	S. 27. b. 0. 9.	
Ammunition Sub-Park		D. 17. d.	
Div. Engineers H.Q.	POMMIERS	A. 1. b. 6. 3.	
1st Aus. Field Coy.		S. 22. d. central	
2nd " " "		VIGNACOURT	
3rd " " "		MAMETZ	
4th Aus. Signal Coy.		VIGNACOURT	
4th Aus. Pioneer Bn.		S. 15. d. 2. 0.	
Divisional Train H.Q.			
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.		E. 11. central	
7th " "			
26th " "			
27th " "			
Supply Column		VIGNACOURT	
Railhead			
Pack Transport Troop			
4th Aus. Field Ambulance	CARDONNETTE,	FLESSELLES and VIGNACOURT	
12th " "		BECORDEL	
13th " "		S. 21. d. 3. 8.	
4th Aus. Mob. Vet. Sec.		E. 10. b.	
4th Aus. Salvage Coy.		BELLEVUE FARM	

J.A.M. 31st Dec 1916.

Stanley Rogers
Major-General
Commanding 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 41.

Headquarters,

31st December 1916.

Reference Maps 1/100,000 & 1/40,000.

1. The 4th Australian Division will move to "R" Area as per table overleaf.
2. The following intervals will be maintained on the march,
 - 200 yards between Battalions
 - 100 yards between Companies
 - 200 yards between Transport and next Column.
3. The Sections of the 4th Aus. Field Ambulance will move with and under orders of the Brigades to which they are attached, and will on arrival in "R" Area concentrate at RIBEMONT, where billets will be detailed for them by the 4th Aus. Infantry Brigade.
4. The Section of 12th Aus. Machine Gun Company on anti-aircraft duty at FLESSELLES will be relieved on 3rd prox. by a Section from the 5th Aus. Division. This relief will be carried out by bus under instructions to be issued by "Q".
5. Billeting parties will be sent on overnight.
6. Divisional Headquarters will close at VIGNACOURT at 12 noon, January 4th, and open at RIBEMONT at the same hour.
7. Acknowledge.

D.K. Bernard.
Lieut-Colonel.

Issued at 12.30 P.M.

G.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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TABLE OF MOVES

Date	UNIT	From	To	REMARKS
Jan. 2nd	12th Aus. Inf. Bde.) B. Sec. 4th Fd Amb.)	FLESSELLES ST VAST FREMONT	FRANVILLERS LA HOUSOYE	Troops at FLESSELLES via VILLERS BOGAGE - MOLLIENS - BEHENCOURT. To be clear of MOLLIENS by noon. Troops at FREMONT and ST VAST via BERTANGLES, RAINEVILLE and FRECHENCOURT. To be clear of ST GRATIEN by 1 P.M.
	4th Aus. Inf. Bde.) C. Sec. 4th Fd Amb.)	RAINEVILLE COISY CARDONETTE	RIBEMONT	Via QUERRIEU - Pt D.20.b.5.4. To be clear of QUERRIEU by noon.
3rd	13th Aus. Inf. Bde.) A. Sec. 4th Fd. Amb.)	VIGNACOURT ST VAST LA CHAUSSEE	RAINEVILLE COISY CARDONETTE	Troops at VIGNACOURT Via FLESSELLES - VILLERS BOGAGE. To be clear of FLESSELLES by 11 A.M. Battalions at ST VAST and LA CHAUSSEE Via POULAINVILLE.
	12th Aus. Inf. Bde.) B. Sec. 4th Fd Amb.)	FRANVILLERS LA HOUSOYE	DERNANCOURT	Via Pt D.12.d.8.8. To be clear of Pt C.29.d.9.8. by 10 A.M.
4th	13th Aus. Inf. Bde.) A. Sec. 4th Fd Amb.)	RAINEVILLE COISY CARDONETTE	BUIRE	Via Pt B.26.a.0.4. - QUERRIEU - Pt D.20.b.5.4. Head of Column to reach road junction at H.10.d.8.3. at 10.45 A.M.

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