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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1916.			
	Dec.			
POMMIERS	4th		12th Aus. Inf. Bde. moved from BAZENTIN Camps to DERNANCOURT by trains leaving QUARRY SIDING at 7.50 a.m. and 10.21 a.m. 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde., 1st Aus. Division, marched in to BAZENTIN Camps.	
	5th		13th Aus. Inf. Bde. relieved in line by 3rd Aus. Inf. Brigade, and entrained at QUARRY SIDING at 2.33 a.m. and 5.34 a.m. on 6th instant for BUIRE. 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde. marched in.	
	6th.		4th Aus. Inf. Bde. relieved in line by 2nd Aus. Inf. Bde., and entrained at QUARRY SIDING at 2.33 a.m. and 5.34 a.m. 7th instant for RIBEMONT, less 15th Battalion, who remain in forward area on road work.	
	7th.		Div. Headquarters moved to RIBEMONT opening at 11 a.m.	
RIBEMONT	8th.		Pack Transport Troop disbanded on Division leaving Forward Area, and all animals and saddlery returned to units. Divisional Train, less Supply Sections (who accompany Brigades) remain at E.12. Central and work under Corps arrangements. Total casualties and evacuations of Pack Transport Troop during period in line - November 14th to December 7th - has been 42 animals. Total number of Gum Boots handed to 1st Aus. Division 3893 pairs on relief.	
	16th.		4th Aus. Inf. Bde. moved by road to COISY and CARDONETTE Area.	
	17th.		12th Aus. Inf. Bde. moved by trains leaving EDGEHILL at 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. for FLESSELLES Area.	
	18th.		13th Aus. Inf. Bde. and Div. Headquarters moved by trains leaving EDGEHILL at 2 p.m. & 4 p.m. for VIGNACOURT Area. Railhead for 4th Aus. Division changed to VIGNACOURT. All Artillery in "T" Area transferred to 4th Aus. Division for Supplies.	
VIGNACOURT	19th.		Location of Division in this Area, as follows :- <u>4th Aus. Inf. Bde.</u> - Headquarters, RAINNEVILLE; 1 Battalion, COISY; 1 Battalion, RAINNEVILLE; M.G. Company and L.T.M. Bty. CARDONNETTE.	

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VIGNACOURT.	1916. Dec. 19th.		<p><u>Location of Division in this Area (continued).</u></p> <p><u>12th Aus. Inf. Bde.</u> - Headquarters, FLESSELLES; 1 Battalion, St.VAAST; 3 Battalions, FLESSELLES; M.G.Company and L.T.M.Battery, FREMONT.</p> <p><u>13th Aus. Inf. Bde.</u> - Headquarters, VIGNACOURT; 1 Battalion, LA CHAUSSEE; 1 Battalion, ST. VAAST; 2 Battalions, VIGNACOURT; M.G.Co. & L.T.M.Btys. VIGNACOURT.</p> <p>12th Field Co. Engineers } 4th Aus.Div.Signal Co. } 6th Divisional Supply } VIGNACOURT. Column. } 4th Field Ambulance, }</p>	
	20th.		<p>2nd A.F.A.Brigade and Section D.A.C. transferred for Supplies from 4th Aus.Div. to 1st Aus.Div. 4th A.F.A.Brigade and Section D.A.C. transferred for supplies from 4th Aus.Div. to 5th Aus.Div.</p>	
	21st.		<p>Arrangements made for supplies to be drawn in bulk from Railhead by 1st Line Transport and conveyed to dumps for detail issue - thus releasing lorries.</p> <p>11th A.F.A.Brigade and Section D.A.C. transferred for Supplies from 4th Aus.Div. to 1st Aus.Div. 13th A.F.A.Brigade and Section D.A.C. transferred for supplies from 4th Aus.Div. to 5th Aus.Div.</p>	
	23rd.		<p>21st A.F.A.Brigade and Section D.A.C. transferred for supplies from 1st Aus.Div. to 4th Aus.Div. 24th A.F.A.Brigade and Section D.A.C. transferred for supplies from 1st Aus.Div. to 4th Aus.Div.</p>	
	24th.		<p>5th A.F.A.Brigade and Section D.A.C. transferred for supplies from 5th Aus.Div. to 4th Aus.Div. 14th A.F.A.Brigade and Section D.A.C. transferred for supplies from 5th Aus.Div. to 4th Aus.Div.</p>	
	27th.		<p>Notification received from War Office that claims of following captured German Machine Guns have been noted and recorded :-</p> <p>M.G. No. 3729 48th Battalion. M.G. No. 3771 16th Battalion. M.G. No. 7088 12th M.G.Coy.</p>	
	31st.		<p>Major-General Sir H.V.COX, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.S.I., relinquished Command of 4th Aus.Division. Brigadier-General W. HOLMES, C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., assumed command.</p>	

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I beg to forward for the perusal of the
G.O.C., a short return of the Claims work done.

Period - 28th. December 1916, to 27th. January, 1917.

(1)	Amount Claimed	8675.40	F.
(2)	Amount Awarded	756.25	F.
(3)	No. of Claims allowed	29.	
(4)	No. of Claims disallowed.	19.	
(5)	Total No. of Claims dealt with or investigated during the month.	95.	

(The original of above will be found in
Appendix III of diary for February 1917.)

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX 2.

STRENGTH RETURN MADE UP TO 12 NOON SATURDAY, 30th December, 1916. 1916.

The original of this report is a file with January diary as Appendix 2.

UNIT.	(i.) Fighting strength for previous week, compiled in accordance with A.G.'s instructions.		(ii.) Increase during week, due to drafts, etc., taken on strength of unit.		(iii.) Totals from (i.) and (ii.)		(iv.) Decrease during week—casualties, etc., deducted from strength of unit.		"A" Fighting strength compiled in accordance with A.G.'s instructions.		"B." Details. (Included in "A").		Drafts Untrained & partially trained included in "A".		REMARKS. (iii.), (iv.), "B." etc.)
	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Officers.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
4th Aus. M.G. Co.,	11	174	-	-	11	174	2	5	9	169	-	10	-	-	
13th Battalion,	40	914	2	3	42	917	-	16	42	901	7	101	-	56	
14th Battalion,	35	951	-	95	35	1046	1	12	34	1014	9	72	-	-	
15th Battalion,	35	855	1	24	36	879	-	10	36	869	8	78	-	44	
16th Battalion,	33	808	-	58	33	866	4	1	33	865	10	65	-	65	
12th Aus. M.G. Coy.,	11	185	-	-	11	185	-	-	11	185	-	7	-	-	
45th Battalion,	33	825	1	4	34	830	-	19	34	810	5	74	-	21	
46th Battalion,	30	771	-	63	30	834	-	18	30	816	13	139	-	-	
47th Battalion,	28	617	1	7	29	624	-	11	29	613	11	72	-	-	
48th Battalion,	32	745	-	27	32	770	-	13	32	757	4	65	-	14	
13th Aus. M.G. Coy.,	9	185	1	-	10	185	1	5	9	180	1	25	-	-	
49th Battalion,	33	862	-	55	33	917	-	5	33	912	14	184	-	75	
50th Battalion,	39	831	-	34	39	865	-	1	39	854	15	166	-	63	
51st Battalion,	29	817	-	56	29	873	3	3	26	870	10	155	-	66	
52nd Battalion,	30	852	-	8	30	860	-	-	30	860	12	100	-	30	
TOTAL	428	10570	6	436	434	10704	7	119	427	10485	117	1365	-	455	

Remarks attached.

Appendix No. X

A

REMARKS.

18th Aus. M.G. Coy.	(II.) (IV.) 'B'.	----- ----- 2 O.R. Bde.H.Q.; 1 O.R. A.S.C.; 4 O.R. Hosp.
45th Battalion.	(II.) (IV.) 'B'.	1 Off. 4 O.R. Hospital. 17 O.R. Hospital; 1 O.R. Wounded; 1 O.R. Trans. 3 Off. 19 O.R. Schools; 7 O.R. L.T.M.Bty.; 8 12th 5 O.R. 12th M.G.Co.; 13 O.R. Div.Sig.Co.; 2 O.R. D.A.D.O.S.; 3 O.R. A.S.C.; 7 O.R. Bde.Duties; 4 O.R. Div.P.O.; 2 O.R. Div. School; 1 O.R. Groom Belgian Mission; 5 O.R. Light Corps Bty.; 1 O.R. 2nd Army L.G. School; 2 O.R. Div.Work- shop; 3 O.R. Army Workshop.
46th Battalion.	(II.) (IV.) 'B'.	58 O.R. Reinforcements; 5 O.R. from Hosp. . . 16 O.R. to Hosp.; 2 O.R. Trans.; 2 Off. Hosp.; 4 Off. 48 O.R. Leave; 7 O.R. A.W.L.; 2 Off. 32 O.R. Schools; 5 Off. 42 O.R. Duties away; 3 O.R. Detention away; 2 O.R. Guards away.
47th Battalion.	(II.) (IV.) 'B'.	1 Off. 2 O.R. from Hosp.; 5 O.R. from Details. 10 O.R. to Hosp.; 1 O.R. Trans. 1 Off. 1 O.R. Etanles; 2 Off. 12 O.R. Bde.H.Q.; 3 O.R. Salvage; 1 O.R. Ordnance; 3 O.R. Div. School Staff; 2 O.R. Postal Duties; 2 O.R. Light Railways; 4 O.R. Platelaying; 2 O.R. Carpenters; 6 O.R. Fitters; 4 O.R. A.W.L.; 3 Off. 12 O.R. Schools; 5 Off. 20 O.R. Leave.
48th Battalion.	(II.) (IV.) 'B'.	20 O.R. from Rfcts.; 7 I.R. from Hosp. 13 O.R. To Hosp. 11 O.R. Bde.H.Q.; 7 O.R. Div.H.Q.; 1 O.R. D.A.D.O.S.; 3 O.R. A.S.C.; 3 O.R. Div.Salvage Co.; 4 O.R. 12th M.G.Co.; 2 O.R. 12th A.L.T.M.B.; 1 O.R. 3rd Echelon H.Q.; 2 O.R. Cadet School; 1 O.R. Detention; 3 O.R. Corps Workshops; 7 O.R. Corps Troops Supply; 2 O.R. Div. Railhead P.O.; 3 Off. 12 O.R. Schools; 1 O.R. R.F.C. School; 1 Off. In Hosp.; 5 O.R. Railway Fitters.
49th Battalion. 49th Battalion.	(II.) (IV.) 'B'.	52 O.R. Rfcts.; 1 O.R. from Bde.H.Q.; 1 O.R. from Signal Co.; 1 O.R. from Field Ambce.; 1 O.R. Officers Training College; 1 O.R. to 12th Mtd.Co. Engrs; 1 O.R. to B.H.Q.; 2 O.R. to Hosp. 4 Off. 43 O.R. Hosp.; 5 Off. Sch. of Ins.; 4 Off. 22 O.R. Leave; 1 Off. 20 O.R. Piquet AMIENS; 3 O.R. Div.Salvage Co.; 2 O.R. Div.San.; 1 O.R. Groom; 1 O.R. Police; 1 O.R. A.S.C.; 13 O.R. Sch. of Inst.; 1 O.R. W.Mdn.; 8 O.R. Bde.H.Q.; 2 O.R. Bde.Canteen; 9 O.R. 13th L.T.M.B.; 3 O.R. Prison; 3 O.R. A.W.L.; 4 O.R. ANZAC Workshop; 3 O.R. Div. School; 3 O.R. Detention; 4 O.R. Bde.Dump;
50th Battalion.	(II.) (IV.) 'B'.	21 O.R. Rfcts.; 1 O.R. Div.Sig.Co.; 2 O.R. Hosp.; 1 O.R. to Bde.H.Q. 3 Off. 36 O.R. Leave; 1 Off. 1 O.R. 4th Bde; 1 Off. 28 28 O.R. Hosp.; 1 Off. 4 O.R. Bde.Dump; 3 Off. 7 O.R. Bde.H.Q.; 5 Off. 49 O.R. Sch.of.Int.; 1 Off. 5 O.R. Div.H.Q.; 7 O.R. Salv.; 3 O.R. Y.M.C.A.; 2 O.R. C.R.E.; 2 O.R. A.S.C.; 4 O.R. Detention; 2 O.R. ANZAC; 1 O.R. Pigeon Sch.; 5 O.R. Corps Light Railway.

- 51st Battalion. (II). 55 O.R. Rfets.; 1 O.R. Trans.;
 (IV). 1 Off. Corps Sch.; 1 Off. to 4th Div. Sch.;
 1 Off. 13th M.G. Co.; 2 O.R. Trans.; 1 O.R. School England.
 'B'. 4 Off. 35 O.R. Leave; 6 Off. 28 O.R. Div. Duties School, etc.; 19 O.R. 13th L.T.M.B.; 1 O.R. 13th M.G. Co.; 12 O.R. Bde.H.Q.; 9 O.R. A.S.C.; 4 O.R. Div.H.Q.; 9 O.R. Salvage Co.; 1 O.R. ANZAC; 1 O.R. Base; 5 O.R. C.R.E.; 3 O.R. Anzac Workshop; 5 O.R. Corps Light Tly.; 23 O.R. Hosp.
- 52nd Battalion. (II). 3 O.R. Rfets.; 2 O.R. From Hosp.; 3 O.R. Div. Sig. Co.;
 (IV). 1 Off. 10 O.R. att. Bde.H.Q.; 3 Off. 43 O.R. Hosp.;
 'B'. 1 Off. Staff College Eng.; 4 Off. 19 O.R. Sch. of Inst.; 3 Off. 35 O.R. Leave; 3 O.R. Offs. Trng. Clge.; 1 O.R. Batman; 4 O.R. Traffic Control; 3 O.R. A.S.C.; 5 O.R. Div.H.Q.; 4 O.R. Div. School; 1 O.R. ANZAC Rft. Camp.; 4 O.R. M.G. Coy.; 13 O.R. 13th L.T.M.B.; 7 O.R. Detention; 8 O.R. Salvage; 1 O.R. R.F.C. Eng.; 1 O.R. ANZAC Workshop.
- 13th M.G. Co. (II). 1 Off. from 51st Bn.
 (IV). 1 Off. 4th Div.; 3 O.R. to Training Depot, Eng.; 2 O.R. to Hospital.
 'B'. 1 Off. 17 O.R. Leave; 8 O.R. Hosp.

Remarks.

- 4th M.G. Coy. (IV).
 'B'. 8 O.R. Leave; 1 O.R. A.S.C.; 2 O.R. Bde. Dump; 1 O.R. School.
- 13th Battalion. (II). 2 Off. from Hosp.; 3 O.R. Transf.
 (IV). 13 O.R. Sick; 2 O.R. Trans.; 1 O.R. to Eng.
 'B'. 3 Off. 39 O.R. Leave; 29 O.R. Guard; 4 Off. 20 O.R. Schools; 2 O.R. A.S.C.; 5 O.R. Corps Railways; 6 O.R. F.P. Compound.
- 14th Battalion. (II) 54 O.R. From Hosp.; 81 O.R. from Rfcts.
 (IV). 1 Off. 11 O.R. Sick; 1 O.R. Trans.;
 'B'. 5 Off. 36 O.R. Leave; 1 Off. 5 O.R. Div. Duties; 5 O.R. Corps Rly.; 2 Off. 23 O.R. Schools; 1 Off. 1 O.R. Bde.; 5 O.R. Army Corps.
- 15th Battalion. (II) 1 Off. Rft.; 24 O.R. from Hosp.;
 (IV). 10 O.R. Sick.
 'B'. 7 Off. 41 O.R. Leave; 4 O.R. Schools; 11 O.R. Carpenters; 1 Off. 1 O.R. Bde.; 4 O.R. Salvage; 5 O.R. Corps Rly.
- 16th Battalion. (II). 34 O.R. Rfcts.; 12 O.R. from Hosp.; 12 Details.
 (IV). 1 O.R. Sick.
 'B' 1 Off. 1 O.R. Bde. H.Q.; 1 Off. 2 O.R. Div. Duties; 6 Off. 23 O.R. Leave; 2 Off. 13 O.R. Schools; 4 O.R. Salvage; 5 O.R. Corps Rly.; 15 O.R. Detention; 2 O.R. Dump Guard.
