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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAVELINCOURT	MARCH		<p>10<sup>th</sup> Bde AFA arrived BAVELINCOURT less 110<sup>th</sup> How Batten                      leaving Feb 28<sup>th</sup> .</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde and 110<sup>th</sup> &amp; 112<sup>th</sup> How Btys arrived in BEHENCOURT</p> <p>118<sup>th</sup> How Bty (3<sup>rd</sup> Aus Div Artz) arrived and divided between                      110<sup>th</sup> How Bty &amp; 111<sup>th</sup> How Bty. 112<sup>th</sup> How Bty transferred to                      12<sup>th</sup> (Army) Bde AFA</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> Advance parties of Batteries of 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> AFA Bdes went                      forward to reconnoitre position in 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div area                      between LESARS &amp; EAUCOURT L'ABBAYE</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> Brigades marched to 2<sup>nd</sup> A Div area and with 4 Aus BAC                      came under control tactically of 2<sup>nd</sup> Aus Div Artz</p>	<p>4 Aus Div Artz Order 64 &amp; 63</p>

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BAVELINCOURT	March 15		<p>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> B des &amp; DAC came under the control of 4<sup>th</sup> Aus DA again. The 2 former returned to Rest area at BEHENCOURT &amp; BAUCOURT. The operation for which they were detached, proved to be unnecessary as the enemy vacated his positions on the night 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
March	16 <sup>th</sup>	31	<p>4 Aus DA in Reserve</p> <p style="text-align: right;">CMMaker Major RB Hde Regt 4 Aus DA</p>	

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War Diary

APPENDIX

COPY NO. 22

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET

ORDER NO. 63

HEADQUARTERS,  
10th March 1917.

1. On and from the 12th March, the 10th, 11th Brigades and 4th Aus. D.A.C. will come under the tactical command of the C.R.A., 2nd Australian Division, the two former from the time of their arrival in 2nd Australian Divisional Area, and the latter from 12 noon on the 12th instant.
2. Advance parties consisting of Brigade Commanders, Orderly Officers, Battery Commanders, one Subaltern per Battery and 4 telephonists per Battery and Brigade Headquarters will report to C.R.A., 2nd Aus. D.A., by 10 a.m. on the 11th instant.  
Position - FRICOURT.
3. The Brigades will be formed into one Group consisting of two sub-troups, the Group being under the Command of Lieut. Colonel G.H.M. KING, C.M.G..
4. Firing Batteries only will be taken up into action, one Officer per two Batteries being left in present positions, in command of details left behind.  
It is understood that all ammunition supply will be by DECAUVILLE.
5. All ammunition accounting will be carried out by the 2nd Australian Divisional Artillery.  
All other administrative matters will be carried out by this Office.
6. March orders for 10th and 11th Brigades will be issued later. These Brigades will march on the 12th.
7. Brigade Commanders will submit marching-out states, by 6 p.m. on the 11th instant.

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APPENDIX

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

SECRET

ORDER NO. 64

HEADQUARTERS,  
10th March 1917.

REFERENCE MAPS. LENS and ALIENS 1/100,000.

Reference ORDER NO. 63 of even date.

1. The 10th and 11th Aus. F.A. Brigades - less 1st Line Wagons - will march to 2nd Australian Divisional Area on the 12th instant.

ROUTE :- FRANVILLERS - ALIENS to ALBERT Road.

2. ORDER OF MARCH :- 11th A.F.A. Brigade.  
10th A.F.A. Brigade.

3. Brigades will march independently; distances of 500 yards will be maintained between Batteries and 200 yards between Sections of Batteries.

STARTING POINT :- Four Cross Roads half a mile S.E. of FRANVILLERS Church.

Headq of Brigades will reach the Starting Point as follows :-

11th A.F.A. Brigade	--	8.30 a.m..
10th A.F.A. Brigade	--	10.30 a.m..

4. Guides from advance parties will meet Brigades at ALBERT Church.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE

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## SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY ORDER No. 16.

Headquarters,

March 14th. 1917.

Reference Map: ALBERT (Combined Sheet) 1/40,000.

1. On March 15th. tactical control of the 10th. and 11th. A.F.A. Brigades and 4th.D.A.C. will pass from the C.R.A., 2nd. Australian Division, to the C.R.A., 4th. Australian Division, that of the 10th. and 11th. A.F.A. Brigades from time of their arrival in 4th. Australian Divisional Area, and that of the 4th.D.A.C. at 12 noon.

2. The 10th. and 11th. A.F.A. Brigades will move on March 15th. from present wagon lines back to their billets in the 4th. Aust. Div. Area, as follows :-

(a) Order of March - 11th. A.F.A. Bde., 10th. A.F.A. Bde.

(b) Starting Points - 11th. A.F.A. Bde.: Junction of railway and AMIENS ROAD. 1000 yards S.W. of ALBERT CHURCH (E3b3.2).  
10th. A.F.A. Bde.: MAMETZ CHURCH (F.5.c.5.3.).

(c) Time of passing starting point : 10.a.m..

(d) ROUTE: 11th. A.F.A. Bde.: ALBERT - FRANVILLERS to BEHENCOURT.  
10th. A.F.A. Bde.: MAMETZ - ALBERT - FRANVILLERS to BEHENCOURT.

3. Brigades will march independently, distances of 500 yards between batteries and 200 yards between Sections being maintained.

4. Brigades will move with Echelons empty.

5. The tents allotted to the 43rd. and 11th. Batteries will be left packed in present wagon lines and will be collected at 9.a.m. 15th. March under arrangements to be made by 2nd. Aust. D.A.H.Q..

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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14. R.A., 1st. ANZAC. ISSUED at 11.30.p.m.  
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16. Officer i/c 4th. Aust. D.A. Signals  
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