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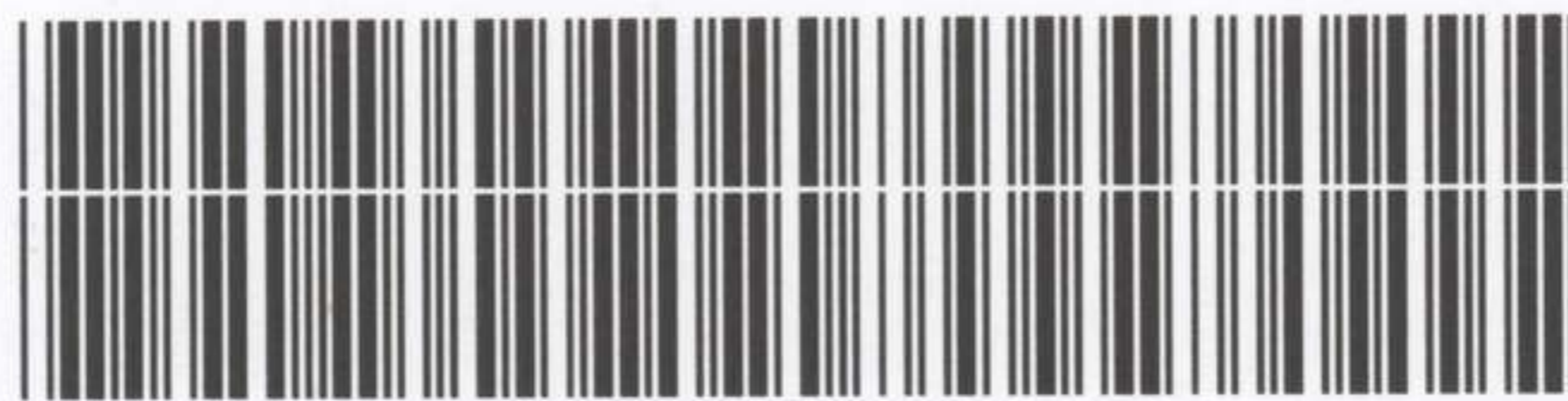
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

4TH. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL TRAIN

FOR

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AILLY-sur-SOMME	1918			
	Nov.			
	1		S. Quist Gibbons + Serjt. F. O'Sunderen (4 <sup>th</sup> Train) recommended for 1 <sup>st</sup> appointment to commissioned rank	
	2		<p>Aust. Corps "drive" over Corps area to round up deserters</p> <p>Promotions (to be temp wo. cl. 1.) vide A.I.F. List No. 403 of 29.10.18.</p> <p>8392 Staff Sgt. CH Ferguson at 17<sup>th</sup> A.D.U.S. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1918 (vice Butteworth to Aust)</p> <p>8327 Cpl. W.W. Inskip 14<sup>th</sup> Coy 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1918 (vice Johnson to Aust)</p> <p>3711 Staff Sgt. R.W. Cooper at 20<sup>th</sup> A.D.U.S. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1918 (vice Goodrich to Aust).</p> <p>Submitted to D.H.Q. list of N. cos. not required back with Train on expiration of Aust. furlough.</p>	
3.		<p>Reinforcements - 5 Ples from No 6. M.T. Coy arrived</p> <p>Orders recd to store all surplus baggage etc at Bunit. Chateau</p> <p>1 Brailey-sur-Somme (62<sup>E</sup> N. 20. B. 5. 8.) by 6<sup>th</sup> inst.</p>		
4		<p>Capt. Riquay returned from U.K. leave</p> <p>2 ORs (1914) despatched on 75<sup>th</sup> days' U.K. furlough</p> <p>2 ORs (Ples) reported ex 19<sup>th</sup> A.D.U.S. (A class personnel)</p> <p>1 OR. (B3 category) sent to Base for Medical Board</p>		



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BREILLY - Nov. Sun. SEMME 5.			<p>Capt. S.A. Robertson to be S.S.O. 4<sup>th</sup> Aust. Div + to be temp inq or whilst so employed - as from 31.10.18.</p> <p>Div move to forward area on 7<sup>th</sup> inst. postponed 24 hours as land mines (delayed action) destroying railways.</p> <p>to Lovridge + Sgt. Coogan on leave to UK.</p>	
	6.		Div move again postponed for 24 hours.	
	7.		Div move order now received (ex "G" office)	
	8		Div move order received (ex "Q" office)	
		Spin.	Capt C.R. Walshbie returned from UK. leave	
BRICQUEMESNIL	9		<p>Div move received - move again postponed 24 hours.</p> <p>Inspected 26<sup>th</sup> Coy lines</p> <p>S.S.O. issued supply order regarding Div move</p>	17pp.



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Ailly-sur-Somme	Nov/18 10.		Railhead cleared by M.D. for 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde and by H.T. for 4 <sup>th</sup> + 12 <sup>th</sup> Bdes. 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde supplies delivered for consumption 12 <sup>th</sup> inst. at ROISEL TINCOURT and EPEHY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coy entrained at ... - Detrained ROISEL 1.30 AM. 12 <sup>th</sup> inst. T.H.Q. moved per lorry to HERVILLY.	
ROISEL	11		New Railhead. cleared by M.D. 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde move from back area postponed 24 hours account delay action mines on railway exploding Supply Train late. arrived 12 <sup>th</sup> inst. account delay S.O. 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde supply details sent to AILLY-SUR-SOMME by lorry to arrange rations for 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde for 13 <sup>th</sup> inst. Main Hostilities ceased - armistice terms of peace accepted by Huns.	
ROISEL	12		Railhead cleared by M.D. 2 packets (today's and yesterday's) to clear. Rations for consumption 13 <sup>th</sup> sent by 3 lorries to rear (half of 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde not yet. entrained at AILLY-S.S. One day's rations for 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde not drawn account those drawn at AILLY by Bde Supply Officer Advanced D.H.Q. moved to BUSSIGNY.	



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ROISEL.	13		No pack arrived. R.S.O. issued from Detail store Both cars returned (Napier ex workshops and Lumber ex 14 <sup>th</sup> AASC.)	
		4	Div. art. returned to Div Supply Pack strength. 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde moved to Fresnoy la Grande 26 <sup>th</sup> Coy entrained atilly sur Somme - detrained ROISEL 7 <sup>th</sup> " " " SALEUX at noon - detrained at EPEHE A.I.F. HQs London advise "Lt. Isaacson granted leave to America as from Nov 6. - to have not more than eight weeks in America."	
BELLICOURT	14	11pm	New Ranchhead - cleared by W.G. 4 <sup>th</sup> + 13 <sup>th</sup> Bdes, D.H.Q. and T.H.Q. moved to Fresnoy.	
FRESNOY. la. Grande	15 16	7.30pm	G.O.'s Conference at 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde HQs To discuss our move to Germany. A.I.F. advise "Lt. McGHIE, 46 <sup>th</sup> Bn. transferred to 4 <sup>th</sup> Div train Capt. Waesh to be SSO 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div + promoted as from date he reports to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. Major Blanch proceeded on leave - Capt. Nish at c.	

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Desnoy	17		A.I.F. approve following appointments To be WO's (C.I.) temp. T/Com. Surmer } Transport " Geema } " Richards } Sgt. Henshall } Supply.	
		11 am	Conference of train Coy commanders at T.H.Q. to discuss Div move to Germany.	
	18		Div move Order Recd. to go to PRISCHE area to start on 21st	
	20		Capt Walsh reported to 3rd Aust Div.	
Desnoy Cofade.	21 <del>21</del> 22		21 - Coy moved to St Souplet with 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde. } Ret'd new (2nd pack late - arrived train on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .) } by M.P. for 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde + DTS.	
	22		27 - Coy moved to FAURIL from St Souplet with 13 <sup>th</sup> Bde 26 - " " " " St SOUplet from Desnoy with 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde	



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HONNECHY	23		<p>New Railhead - Pack Col. arrived 9.30 am. 24<sup>th</sup> inst. M.T. drawing.</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> Coy moved to Le 9<sup>d</sup>. FAYT from Farnie with 13<sup>th</sup> Bds</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> " " " FAVRIL " St. Souplet " 12<sup>th</sup> "</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> " " " St. Souplet " Fresnoy " 4<sup>th</sup> "</p> <p>T.H.Q. " " PRISCHEs " Fresnoy " D.H.Q.</p>	
	24		<p>Pack Col. arrived 4 pm. on 25<sup>th</sup></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> Coy moved to PRISCHEs from St. Souplet. with 4<sup>th</sup> Bds</p> <p>Verbally informed by D.H.Q. that move to SAINS area starts 25<sup>th</sup>. No order received.</p>	
	25		<p>Pack Col. arrived 4 am. 26<sup>th</sup></p> <p>D.H.Q. T.H.Q. + 13<sup>th</sup> Bde moved (with 27<sup>th</sup> Coy) to SAINS</p>	
	26		<p>Pack Col. arrived 9 am. 27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> Coy moved to SIURY from SAINS with 13<sup>th</sup> Bds</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> " " " Le 9<sup>d</sup> FAYT " FAVRIL " 12<sup>th</sup> "</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> " " " SAINS " PRISCHEs " 4<sup>th</sup> "</p>	

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	27		Pack Col. arrived 4 am. 28 <sup>th</sup> . 26 <sup>th</sup> Coy moved to FLAUMONT from Le Gd Fort with 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde 14 <sup>th</sup> " " " CARTIGNIES " Premont " Div art.	
LA CATEAU	28		New Riet Head (N.Y. clearing). Pack Col. arrived 7 am. 29 <sup>th</sup> . 14 <sup>th</sup> Coy. moved to RAMOUSIES area with Div art.	
SAINS	29		Capt. Friend Ruio. returned from Paris leave. Pack Col. arrived 6 pm. 30 <sup>th</sup> .	
	30		Lt. Lowning returned from (Lk. leave). Pack Col. arrived 8.30 am. 1st Nov.	

Reserve ~~6~~ <sup>5</sup> Bands  
 1st Col.  
 104<sup>th</sup> Aust Div. Train



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4th. Australian Divisional Train.  
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**LIST OF APPENDICES.**

No.	Subject.	
1.	Supply Arrangements	11-11-18.
<del>2</del> 2.	Train Secret Order of	20-11-18



4th. Australian Division:- Move 10 - 11.11.18

Supply Arrangements.

(1) 13th. Bde.:- This Brigade will draw by M.T., on the morning of 10th., at Ailly-sur-Somme. Supply Details will accompany lorries, proceed to ROISEL, and wait there for further instructions.

(2) 4th. and 12th. Bde.:- These Groups will draw by H.T., on the morning of 10th., at Ailly-sur-Somme. Supplies will be loaded on supply wagons.

Immediately after loading, Supply Details will proceed by motor lorry to ROISEL, and wait there for further instructions.

(3) On 11th., supplies will be drawn from ROISEL, by M.T., and dumped in the new Area.

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9.11.18.

*Salabertson* Major,  
S.S.O., 4th. Aust. Division.

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Appendix 2

"A" Form  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121  
(In pads of 100.)

No. of Message.....

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

TO { ALL COMPANIES,  
4th Australian Divisional Train.

Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

20-11-18

THE DIVISION WILL MOVE TO THE PRISCHES-LA-GROISE AREA ON 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th NOVEMBER. DURING THE MOVE AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE GROUPS WILL BE KNOWN AS FOLLOWS

"A" GROUP - 13th BRIGADE.

"B" GROUP - 12th BRIGADE.

"C" GROUP - 4th BRIGADE.

DIV. ARTILLERY.

PIONEER BATTALION WILL MOVE WITH "A" GROUP  
D.H.Q. & D.T.H.Q. WILL MOVE TO PRISCHES ON 23rd or 24th INSTANT. COMPANY COMMANDERS MUST KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH BRIGADE STAFFS AND CONFORM TO MOVEMENTS OF BRIGADES. SUPPLY AND BAGGAGE WAGONS WILL MOVE WITH UNITS.

From 4th Australian Divisional Train.

Place (Sgd.) H.J.J. RICNEY. Capt.

Time ADJT. 4TH AUST. DIV'N'L TRAIN.

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

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Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name

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