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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
IV Army Ailly le Haute Clocher.	1/11/16		12 th Inf Bde. moved to Vignacourt - Bethencourt and Flesselles. refilling point Flesselles. 4 th Inf Bde. to Bruccamps - Villers sous Ailly L'ETOILE - VAUCHELLES - MOUFLERS 4 th Pioneer Bn to BOURBOIS Great difficulty in moving as two blankets carried in addition to canteen stores Ten 55 wagons from Spare Forge wagons detailed and several motor Lorries Some baggage wagons doing second trips	
Vignacourt	2/11/16		12 th Bde. moved on to Flesselles - Yauxen Amienois and Montonvillers. (latter refilling point) 4 th Bde to Belloy - Yzeux - La Chaussee-Tirancourt. Picquancy (latter refilling point) Portion of 13 th Bde moved to Bruccamps L'Ettoile Mouflers and Vauchelles. Les Dornart. refilling Ailly le haute Clocher. 12 th and 4 th Bdes employed same transport - 13 th Bde. did double trips and used motor GOC decided that baggage wagons are not to be sent back where march exceeds 5 miles in one direction. All canteen stores to be brought along in hired vehicles. Advance portion 14 th Coy. arrived Vignacourt. 13 th Sup Bde. to Vignacourt Fremont St Vast en chaussee	
	4/11/16		15 Bn 4 th Pioneer Bn and 4 40 th Field Coy. to join 1 st ANZAC on 5 Nov. Transport of above left en route ALBERT Dismounted men proceeded by Buses - Whole rationed to 6 th unit inclusive - instructions from Corps that 5 th Div would feed. after instructions to feed above for 7 th - All fed except Pioneers who did not send back. 12 th Inf Bde moved by Buses to Dernancourt. - Transport in two stages	

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IV Army IV Army	7/11/16		13 th Inf Bde moved to BUIRE. Railhead opened at ALBERT	
	8/11/16		D.H.Q. and 4 th Bde moved to Ribemont also Pack Transport Troop. In feeding these groups supplies drawn from Albert were dumped ahead at destination 48 hours only. brig provided with Transport detail	
	9/11/16		No movement.	
	10/11/16		12 th Inf Bde moved to FRICOURT & one Sect Pack Troop	
	11/11/16		13 th Inf Bde moved to FRICOURT with two Sects Pack Troop SSO Major Milne resumed duty 12 th Bde moved in line at BERNAFAY	
	12/11/16		13 th Inf Bde moved to BERNAFAY - 4 th Inf Bde to Dernancourt.	
	13/11/16			
	14/11/16		D.H.Q. moved to POMMIERS - 4 th Bde to BERNAFAY with one Pack Troop ^{4 Bde} dropping detachment at Willow Sidling Fricourt and Namet - The latter to join up on 15 th inst Pack Transport Troop reinforced with 40 men and animals each 12 th and 13 th Bdes. Six reinforcements arrived from Bari. Front line taken over by division	
	15/11/16		4 th Bde to Bernafay all supplies on 14 th from 3 Inf Bde and Biol Troops went forward by Metre gauge Railway to Montauban Difficulties in supply owing to limited rolling stock After several days of fine weather giving good roads - Snow fell followed by rain	
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IX Army ALBERT -FLERES	19-11/16	3 PM	4 th Aus Div Artillery proceeding by road. to 4 th Division Visited Villers Bocage to meet Artillery which found doing all right under Lieut O'Connor as Transport and efficient Whitford as Supply Officer being fed by 2 nd Div Sup Col.	
	20/11/16		ascertained that 3 Bde's and 3 Sections of D.A.C. would be in front line on 23 rd unit one Bde in Reserve in back area. attached Diagram showing distribution of Train	
	21/11/16		Pack Train did not arrive at Albert until 7.50 P.M. Loading on metric line delayed. all supplies despatched by midnight	
	22/11/16		8 Trucks of supplies detailed of 2 nd Train during night of 21/22 nd have blocked at Carnoy. - Transport wired for at Montauban to take delivery at Carnoy. but trucks pushed back to Marmetz and issued there to units. 60 motor horns obtained to carry today's supplies and delivered at Montauban between 10 pm and 2 AM. 23/11/16	
	23/11/16		Telegram from Corps Commander congratulating S.S.O. Messer on his work at Carnoy. Supplies again normal.	
		9.30 to 10.30 am.	Condition of roads and standings bad for transport. Bombardment of MONTAUBAN Rail Head with long range gun - resulting temporarily suspended. - Three casualties with Train and all evacuated. Lieut Eirling and S/Sgt Mattocks displayed great resource under fire and rapidly restored the road permitting issuing to be carried on.	

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IV Army	23/11/16	7am	<p>message from Corps that the Div Artillery would come directly under Train for feeding (today) having hitherto been working under Corps direction</p> <p>Very short notice as 3. Artillery Bdes and 3 Sections DAC due in line this afternoon and not fed previous night</p> <p>Wire to Col Hughes F.A at K area to return all ^{where supplies dumped day previous} supply wagons to E 12 above. This delivered personally by Thurst Whiteford.</p> <p>No wagons having returned further wire to Col Hughes delivered personally by Thurst Whiteford who could elicit no definite information as to next days move except that Batteries were going forward in "Half Sections"</p> <p>Instruction to BC. 14th Coy. to take car in morning and follow up matter.</p>	
	24/11/16	10am	<p>at DHQ. interviewed Bde Major & Staff Captain of Artillery who could not advise me of location of baggage or supply vehicles.</p>	
		1pm	<p>all available vehicles (opacs) collected and supplies of Bdes sent forward to Batteries</p> <p>one F.A Bde. and 1 Section DAC. to remain at HQOURS until further orders.</p>	
	27/11/16		<p>on the 2nd of Artillery was one day behind only but on this date had caught up and now 48 hours ahead.</p>	
			<p>Albert A. Holdsworth Lt Col Comd^g 4th Aus Div Train</p>	
			<p>30 November 1916</p>	

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			<p>Showing distribution of Train 20 Nov 1916</p> <p>Balance of 1st 14 (Hd Qrs) Coy feeding 4th Aus Div Artillery on route from II Army to join 1st ANZAC</p> <p>TRAIN feeding 30,000</p>	