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4<sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde ~~not included~~ VOL IV

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2.7.16	ARDIENTIERES	The Brigade moved out of the line to wagon lines and pits were taken over by N.Z.F. Art.	VOL 2
3.7.16	do 8.0.11	Lt-Col GRIMWADE handed over responsibility for holding the line to Lt-Col SYMONDS NZFA	VOL 2 1916
5.7.16	do	4 <sup>th</sup> Bde marched to wagon lines at DRANCOTRE in MESSINES AREA.	
5/6 Night 7.16.	MESSINES	1 Section 10 <sup>th</sup> Bty relieved Section C/109 Bty 108 <sup>th</sup> Bde.	
6 <sup>th</sup> 7.16	do.	1 " 10 " " 1 " " "	
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> 7.16	do.	11 <sup>th</sup> Bty moved into the line.	
		Major WATTS D.S.O. temporarily in command	
		4 <sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. took over responsibility for defence of area from Lt-Col WALTHALL CO. 105 <sup>th</sup> Bde RFA	
Night of 8/9-7-16	do.	4 <sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. relieved by 108 <sup>th</sup> Bde RFA.	
9.7.16	CHESTRE	Moved into billets at ST MARIE CAPPEL	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Lt <sup>th</sup> F. A. Bde. A. I. F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10.9.16	STAMMARIE CAPPEL	Lt-Col WHITTS, D.S.O. relieved Lt-Col GRIMWADE who proceeded to ENGLAND to command 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. Art.	MAP OF FRINNIE HAZE BROOK SHEET 5A
10-4-16	do.	Major ALLSOP, Lieut PEART, FANNING and GUNN, and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut L. CHOMLEY transferred to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. Art. & proceeded to ENGLAND Lieut BEAVIS appointed to command 12 <sup>th</sup> Coy vice Major W.G. ALLSOP. Lieut F.H. BERRYMAN Adjutant vice Lieut FANNING W.L. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut WALLER appointed orderly officer vice Lieut GUNN	Copied by <i>W.A.S. Capt</i> Capt H. W. P. H.

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Date.	Place and Time.	4 <sup>th</sup> F.A. Bde. A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
11.7.16	CAESTRE	The batteries marched from ST MARIE CAPPEL to the following stations along the route LES CISEAUX - STAPLES - LE NIEPPE - FORT ROUGE	Ref. Map.
		10 <sup>th</sup> Bty. entrained at ST OMER leaving at 23.03	BELGIUM SHEET
		11 " " ARQUES " 23.09	N <sup>o</sup> 50. 1/100000
		12 " " WIZERNES " 23.52	
		104 " " ST OMER " 2.03)	O.O. N <sup>o</sup> 20
		night 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup>	attached.
12.7.16		4 <sup>th</sup> FAB H. Qrs left ST MARIE CAPPEL on the 11 <sup>th</sup> & bivouaced night 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> at ST OMER. At 11.03 on 12 <sup>th</sup> entrained.	
		<u>Y.A.S. Capt.</u>	

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12.7.16	AMIENS	The Brigade dis entrained here.	
		The 1 <sup>st</sup> Section 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A.C. accompanied	
		H <sup>4</sup> F.A.B. It was divided into 4 portions	
		one of which went with each battery.	
		At AMIENS the detachments of the	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A.C. rejoined the 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A.C.	
		at LONGPRE	
		From AMIENS the batteries marched	Ref. Map.
		via LONGPRE, ST SAUVEUR to	AMIENS
12.7.16	LA CHAUSSEE	LA CHAUSSEE. Batteries went into	100 000
		billets	
14.7.16		Lt. Col WATTS, D.S.O. proceeded to the	
	<del>Major</del> Capt.	firing line at ALBERT & came	
		back again in the evening.	

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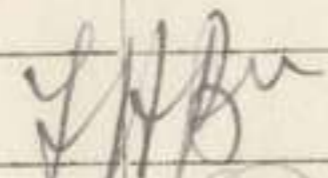
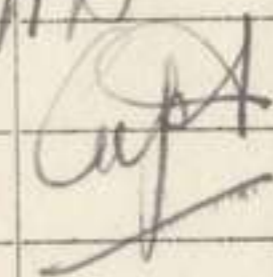
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14.7.16	LA CHAUSSEE	Here batteries were exercised at Field Work & there were two Brigade Marching Order Parades which were inspected by the C.R.A.	
19.7.16	do.	A draft of 14 gunners & drivers were taken on the strength of the 4 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B. from 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A.C.	
16.7.16	do.	Church parade at 22 <sup>nd</sup> F.A.B. Lines.	
20.7.16	do.	9.15 a.m. The 4 <sup>th</sup> F.A.B. marched from LA CHAUSSEE via ST VAAST - FLASCELLES - TALMAS to POCHEVILLERS arriving at the last place at 5 p.m. Went into billets	Reference. Sheets 11 & 17 1/100,000 March Order attached

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Date.	Place and Time.	4 <sup>th</sup> F. A. Bde. Promotion.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15. 7. 16		Lieut. L. E. BRAVIS to be Captain (Temp.)	
		" F. H. BERRYMAN do.	A. I. F. List
		No 6844 Proo. Sgt. J. S. SMITH to be 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Posted to 11 <sup>th</sup> Battery.	No 68.
29. 7. 16.		6362 Bdr. E. T. HEARNE to be 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut Posted to 10 <sup>th</sup> Battery	A. I. F.
		6566 Bdr. J. M. C. RANKIN to be 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Posted to 12 <sup>th</sup> Battery	List No 69.
	Y. W. B. M.		

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21.7.16	PUCHEVILLERS	Here the Brigade was exercised in two tactical schemes & also two route marches both inspected by the C.R.A.	
24.7.16	do.	The Brigade moved from to a position in reserve near ALBERT & bivouaced at W20 d	MARCH. ORDER N° 23
24.7.16	ALBERT	On the night 27 <sup>th</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> Bty. relieved 4 <sup>th</sup> Bty at SAUSAGE VALLEY & came under command of 2 <sup>nd</sup> F.A.Bde.	attached Ref. Sheet 57D <sup>SE</sup>
30.7.16	do.	4 <sup>th</sup> F.A.Bde. (less 12 <sup>th</sup> Bty) moved from bivouacs at ALBERT into the line at SAUSAGE VALLEY	do



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30.7.16	ALBERT	at 6 p.m. Lt-Col WATTS D.S.O. took over from Lt-Col. B-BROWN & the	
		4 <sup>th</sup> FAB, relieved 2 <sup>nd</sup> FAB as follows	
		11 <sup>th</sup> Bty. " 6 <sup>th</sup> Bty	
		10 <sup>th</sup> Bty. " 5 <sup>th</sup> "	
		104 <sup>th</sup> Bty. " 102 <sup>nd</sup> "	
	 		

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

4th F. A. Bde.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SAUSAGE VALLEY.	Night 31st July. 1st Aug. 1916.		A special night bombardment was carried out against the enemy lines behind POZIERES known as O.G.1. and O.G.2.	Map Pozières 1/5,000
<p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month).</p>				