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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FLERS	1 <sup>st</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Daily Intelligence Reports attached. The number of operation orders referred to in these reports is 2 <sup>nd</sup> class. Div Artymbas otherwise stated	Ref Map. SHEET 57 <sup>0</sup> S.W.1 ED. 2 <sup>A</sup>
"	night 4/5 <sup>th</sup>		104 <sup>th</sup> Bty co-operated in a bombardment carried out by 12 <sup>th</sup> Div. Artym	YHBm
"	5/11/16		On morning an operation was carried out in conjunction with an Inf. attack as per	Operation Order No 51 attached
"	6.11.16	2 pm	Operation Order No 52 attached gives Bty zones + S.O.S lines	Operation Order No 52 attached
"			" " " 53 carried out.	O.O. 53 "
"	7.11.16	8 am	10 <sup>th</sup> Bty fired 270 rounds T.S. wire cutting in front of LUISEN TR.	YHBm
"		10 am		
"	9.11.16	2 a.m.	Operation Order No 53 was repeated.	Operation Order No 54 attached
"	10.11.16	3 p.m.	" " " 54 was carried out.	YHBm
"	13.11.16	5.15 am.	30 <sup>th</sup> Div Artym. Operation Order No 30 was carried out	YHBm
"	21.11.16		Bombardments carried out as per Operation Order No 56.	O.O. No 56 attached.
"	24.11.16	8 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde relieved by 24 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde as per Operation Order No 57 attached	O.O. No 57 attached.

YHBm  
ADJ. 4TH. F.A. BDE.

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LONGUEVAL	25/11/16	7.15 a.m.	4 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A. Bde & 1 <sup>st</sup> Sect. 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A.C. marched to "K" area as per Operation Order N° 58 attached	
"K" area	26/11/16	10 a.m.	" " " " BONNAY " " " "	59 "
BONNAY	27/11/16	"	" " " " NAOURS " " " "	60 "

Casualties for Month of November.

FLERS 15/11/16 about 4 pm Lieut. PACKMAN 12<sup>th</sup> Bty wounded & died of wounds. Lieut STERLE 11<sup>th</sup> Bty dangerously wounded.

Other ranks.

Date	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
Killed	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	1
Wounded	1	2	4	7	4	3	2	2	5	2*

\* 1 died of wounds.

Drafts of Reinforcements

4.11.16 } 12 men  
 8.11.16 } 15 " } from 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Amm. Column  
 10.11.16 } 15 "

W. Berryman  
 ADJ. 4TH. F.A. BDE. A.I.F.  
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FLERS	1/11/16	"	Changes in Officers &c. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut RYAN. F. J. attached from Trench Mortars 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. & appointed Orderly Officer	
"	2.11.16	"	Major F. HARBOTTLE & Capt. L. E. BEAVIS returned from English leave.	
"	4.11.16	"	Capt. C. A. CLOWES returned to 10 <sup>th</sup> Bty from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. Arty. H. Pers.	
"	6.11.16	"	Major F. P. DERHAM transferred to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Div. Arty & promoted temporary Lt Colonel.	
"	6.11.16	"	Capt. E. J. MILFORD " from 6 <sup>th</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> A.F.A Bde to command 11 <sup>th</sup> Bty.	W.H.B.
"	8.11.16	"	Lieut. NUNN temporarily attached from 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A.C. to 10 <sup>th</sup> Bty.	
"	9.11.16	"	2 <sup>nd</sup> class Warrant Officers PITMAN & JAMES & 4 other ranks transferred to R.F.C.	
"	16.11.16	"	Bdr. I. J. WHITTY 10 <sup>th</sup> Bty. promoted 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut & posted to 11 <sup>th</sup> Battery.	
"	25.11.16	"	Capt. C. A. CLOWES 10 <sup>th</sup> Bty attached to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. H. Pers. G branch.	
			Lieut. R. WILSON 104 <sup>th</sup> Bty awarded Military Cross.	W.H.B.

W.H.B. ADJ. 4TH. F. A. BDE.

4th Field Artillery Brigade

2/11/16.

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 4 p.m.

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Our Artillery. Our Artillery carried out the usual slow barrage during the night.

During night 11th Battery fired 120 rounds searching along S.O.S. lines.

During day 10th Bty. fired 2 rounds testing buffers.

Enemy Artillery. From 1 to 2 o'clock, enemy shelled our 18 rdr.

Battery positions (M 30 c 9 $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{1}{2}$ ) no pits were hit, but 5 men in 10th

Battery wounded, two slightly. Nature of shells, 4.2" and 5.9".

Shelling was caused by movement of infantry in front of Battery positions

Hostile balloons being up at the time.

Intelligence.

Enemy Aeroplanes. Several enemy aeroplanes up during the day.

Observation. Bad except between 2 and 3 pm.

*W. Berryman* Capt. for  
 Capt. Adj. Lt. Col.  
 C.O. 4th F. A. Bde.

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

3/11/16.

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 4 p.m.

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Our Artillery. During the day and night we carried out the usual barrage.

During 7 pm and 5 am on the night of 3rd, 11th Bty. fired 100 rounds along S.C.S. lines.

10 am to 11 am. 11th Battery fired 30 rounds in and around LIGNY THILLOY

Enemy Artillery.

During the morning FLERS was continually shelled with 5.9" and 4.2".

During the last 24 hours 18 ptr. positions were continually shelled with 5.9", 4.2" and 7.7 cm. several casualties being caused.

Intelligence.

Aeroplanes. Enemy had six balloons up at various times during the day.

Enemy planes very active.

Intelligence. Our aeroplanes were very active, bombing the BA PAUME PERONNE Road, causing fires in several places.

It was noticed that after transport started coming up, Enemy shelled ABBEY Road very heavily.

*Lt. Col.*  
C.O. 4th F. A. Bde.

4th Field Artillery Brigade

5/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and Effect.
11 am.	10th	6	Enemy movement behind lines in small parties	Parties dispersed.

O.C. by 12th Div. Art. carried out at 9.10 a.m. this morning vide special report.

Special task by 104th Bty. carried out at 12.30 a.m. this morning in accordance with O.C. No. 1.

Usual Barrage carried out during the last 24 hours.

Enemy Artillery.

Enemy shelled ABBEY ROAD and vicinity intermittently during daylight. Very heavy shelling, particularly at 9.45 a.m. and 3 p.m. About 250 rounds 7.7 cm, 15 cm. and 10.5 cm.

Intelligence.

Enemy Movement. Men frequently seen entering and leaving trenches in vicinity of N 9 c 3 9 and N 8 c 2 3. Movement also noticed in vicinity of two windmills on BA PAUME PERONNE Road.

Observation. Difficult owing to spume.

*Lt. Col.*  
C.C. 4th F.A. Bde.

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4th Field Artillery Brigade

6/11/16.

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Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery

C.O.No. 48 carried out at 2 p.m. today. Effect apparently good.

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun	No. of Shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
11 am to 4.15 pm	15 cm. 21 cm.	40	18 Par. Battery positions	10th 11th 12th	11th Bty. position severely damaged Various dugouts demolished in 10th Bty.

Intelligence.

Enemy Aeroplanes. 5 Balleens up during the afternoon from 2 pm to 4.30 pm.

Immediately our fire opened at 2 p.m. Balloon ascended behind THILLOY.

Enemy aeroplanes fairly active at 4 pm.

Observation Only fair.

*W. Berryman* Capt. Lt. Col.  
C.O. 4th F A Brigade.



4th Field Artillery Brigade.

7/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target	Remarks and Effect
12 noon	10th	270	Wire in front of LUSIEN Trench	Unknown.
3.30 pm	10th	6	Checking SOS Line	
3.35 pm	11th	10	N.20 a 9 1/2 to N 20 d 1/2 9	Registration
11 am	104th	30	N 9 d 7 2 1/2	Not known
4.5 pm	104th	15	do.	
4.30 pm	104th	15	BARLEY TRENCH	

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun	No. of Shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
1 pm	10.5 cm	25/30	ABBAY ROAD and vicinity	10th	One dugout demolished.
8 am.	15 xm. 10.5 cm	17	11th Bty. position	11th	No damage.
Battery positions and vicinity shelled at various intervals during the day.					
1.30 pm	10.5 cm	3	S 6 d 7 7	104th	No damage.
2.30 pm	10.5 cm	6	S 6 d 0 5	104th	do.

Intelligence.Enemy Movements.

Several Germans seen about N.21.a Central for few minutes only (10th Bty).

Observation.

Bad owing to weather.

*W. Berryman* Lt. Col.  
C.O., 4th F.A. Bde.

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4th Field Artillery Brigade

8/11/18

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

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Cur. Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target	Remarks and Effect.
11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.	104th	32	N.14.a.8.2.	Calibration.
3.30 p.m.	10th	9	S.O.S. Lines.	Checked.

The usual barrage was carried out through the night.

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Enemy Artillery.

Time.	Nature of gun.	No. of Shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
10.30 a.m.	15 cm.	40/50	FLERS.	10th	Unknown.
3.30 p.m.	21 cm.	8	M.30.c. Central.	10th	do.
6 p.m.	15 cm. ) 10 cm. )	20/25	M.30. Central and vicinity	10th	do.
8 a.m. to ) 6.30 p.m. )	10 cm.	Unknown	S.6.d.2.8. and vicinity	104th	

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Intelligence.

Enemy Aircraft. Fairly active throughout the afternoon.

Observation. Fair.

*Baggett*  
Lt. Col.  
C.O., 4th F. A. Bde.

*12th Battery  
Intelligence Return*

*Considerable movement was seen on road in N. 14. a. This was fired on. Mist hampered observation during the morning*

*L. E. B. P. d.*

4th Field Artillery Brigade.

9/11/16.

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time.	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target	Remarks and effect.
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	104th	20	PERC line	Registration.

Operation Order No. 48 was carried out at 2 p.m. this morning.

The usual barrage was carried out.

Enemy Artillery.

Time.	Nature of gun.	No. of Shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and effect.
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	15 cm.	180 to 200	ABNEY ROAD and vicinity	10th 11th 12th	No damage to Batteries.
4 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.	15 cm.	80 to 100	FLERS	10th	Unknown.
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	21 cm.	18	Vicinity of FLERS	104th	No damage.
1 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	10.5 cm	25	S.S.A.	104th	
4 p.m.	15 cm.	24	S.S.A.	104th	

Intelligence.

In response to our ~~general~~ Artillery bombardment of trenches on our left enemy retaliated on our front line. enemy shelled FLERS intermittently all day. (104th int).

Enemy Aeroplanes. Very active during the day. Many combats about 2 p.m. At 8 a.m. today hostile plane flew over 10th sty. position at height of about 500 feet. 14 hostile balloons up.

Observation. good.

*B.A.G. Werts.*

Lt. Col.  
C.O., 4th F.A.B.

4th Field Artillery Brigade

10/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and effect.
7.30 am to 8.15 a.m.	10th	90	LUIKEN Trench.	Unobserved, no light

Usual barrage carried out during the night.

O.C. No. 49 carried out at 3 p.m. this afternoon.

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun.	No. of rounds	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and effect.
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	various	Unknown	GUEUDECOURT.	10th	Very heavy bombardment.
FLERS shelled lightly during the day with 77 mm. and 10.5 cm. (10th Bty).					
3.5 p.m.	15 cm.	6	M.30.c.9.5	10th 11th	No damage.
5.45 p.m.	15 cm.	6	de.	11th	de.
1.35 p.m.	15 cm.	8	M.36.a.	104th	
1.45 p.m.	10.5 cm.	2	FISH ALLEY Trench	104th	No damage.
1.50 p.m.	15 cm.	1	S.6.c.	104th	de.
2 to 3 pm.	15 cm.	20	S.5.a	104th	slight damage.
2.25 p.m.	21 cm.	1	S.6.c	104th	Tel. wires damaged.
3.15 p.m.	10.5 cm. Shrapnel.	12	FLERS.	104th	

Intelligence.Enemy Works. Nil.Enemy Aeroplanes.Very active throughout the day.  
Enemy plane brought down at 11.45 a.m. in flames.

11 Enemy balloons up during the day.

Observation.

Not too good owing to smoke and haze.

15 c.m. gun firing between 2 and 3 p.m. appeared to come from direction of N.5.d. Report of gun could be heard, but no flash observed.

M. A. B. H. T.

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4th Field Artillery Brigade.

11/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target	Remarks and Effect.
10.30 a.m.	10th	42	S.O.S. Lines	Checking.
10.30 a.m.	12th	10	S.O.S. Lines	Registration.
"	12th	50	SOS Lines & N.8.a.1g. 9 N.3.c.7g.2g	Registration.
10 a.m.	11th	6	N.20.a 9g to N 20 d g 9	Registration.

Usual barrage was carried out.

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun	No. of Rounds	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
10.45 pm.	7.7 cm.	12	Battery Positions	10th	No damage.
5 p.m.	7.7 cm.	12	ABBEY ROAD and vicinity	10th	do.
6.30 p.m.	15 cm.	60	vicinity of Bty.positions	11th	Hit camp near position.
10/11/16			During the night Bty. positions shelled with 15 cm. (11th Bty!).		
10.15 am.	10.5 cm.		vicinity of Bty. positions	11th	No damage.
3.15 pm.	10.5 cm.	30	M.36.b.5.6	11th	slightly damaged O.P.
8.30 am to	15 cm.	20	S.6.b	104th	Unknown.
8.30 am.	15 cm.	2	Read in S.6.d	104th	
3.30 p.m.	10.5 cm.	6	Tramline in S.6.c	104th	

Intelligence.

Enemy Planes. Very active during the morning. Two balloons observed at 7 a.m. Stayed up until 8 a.m.

Observation. Bad, owing to mist.

Quiet day on the whole.

*W. H. H. H.*  
Lt. Col.  
S.C. 4th F. A. Bde.

4th Field Artillery Brigade

12/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and effect.
3.30 p.m.	10th	23	Verification of SOS Lines	satisfactory.
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.	12th	40	Barrage Lines.	
		10	BACON Trench.	

The usual Barrage was carried out during

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Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun	No. of Shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and effect.
9 p.m.	7.7 cm.	12	S.6.d.8.9.	104th	probably gas shells.
1 p.m.	10.5 cm	4	S.5.d.2.5	104th	No damage.
12 pm to 3 pm.	7.7 cm.	30 )	FLERS.	12th	do.
	10.5 cm.	about )			
10 pm.	15 cm.	60 )	FLERS	10th	
	10.5 cm	10			
4.30 pm.	10.5 cm	12	Battery Position.	10th	No damage.

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Observation. Very bad all day.

*W. A. Martin*

Lt Col.  
C.O. 4th F. A. B.

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4th Field Artillery Brigade.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m., 13/11/16.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target	Remarks and Effect.
At 7.27 p.m. on 11th inst., Batteries opened fire in response to S.O.S. signal, via special report.				
The usual barrage was carried out.				
5.45 a.m.	30th D.A.H.Q. Operation Order No. 30 carried out.			

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of gun.	No. of Rounds	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
During the last 24 hours the enemy has intermittently shelled the battery positions and the vicinity of Headquarters with 15 cm. 10.5 c.m. and 77 m.m. shells, also 4.1" H.V. gun, the latter fired from the left front. One gunpit and one dugout of 11th Bty. slightly damaged.					
6.15 a.m.	10.5 cm.	6	S. . . d	104th	no damage.
3 p.m.	10.5 cm.	4	S. 6. d	104th	do.

Intelligence.

Enemy Aeroplanes. Nil.

Observation. Too misty for observation.

*D. A. G. Watt*

Lt. Col.  
C.O., 4th F.A. Bde.

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4th Field Artillery Brigade.

14/11/16.

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of rounds	Target	Remarks and effect.
The usual barrage was carried out.				
12.45 p.m.	10th 11th 12th	89 72 65	LOUISBOURG Road N13640 & N170. <i>F.M.B.</i>	Under orders from D.H.H.Q. bursts appeared effective.

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun.	No. of rounds	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and effect.
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.	15 cm.	130	M.36.b. Central	10th	
2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.	7.7 cm. 10.5 cm. 15 cm. 21 cm.	About 400	Vicinity of 18 pdr. Battery positions.	10th 11th 12th	Tramway badly damaged. One gun pit in 12th stry. blown in, but gun undamaged.
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.	21 cm.	50	S.6.b and D.	104th	Destroyed "A" sub aiming posts.
1 p.m.	H.V. gun.	0	S.6.d.1.b	104th	no damage.
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	10.5 cm.	30	S.5.d	104th	do.

Enemy Intelligence.

Enemy Activity. Enemy artillery very active. During all morning a barrage was placed in rear of supports just on left of Brigade zone.

Aeroplanes. Very active since 11 a.m. At 11 a.m. hostile plane dropped 2 red, 2 white and 2 red lights during enemy barrage. <sup>10</sup> Enemy planes up to 3 a.m. Two discernible <sup>to</sup> enemy planes up to 3 a.m. One flew over battery position at very low altitude.

Observation. Fair.

*R.A.G. Watts*

C.O., 4th F.A.B. Lt. Col.



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4th Field Artillery Brigade.

15/11/16.

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 6.30 p.m.

## Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of rounds	Target	Remarks and Effect.
5 p.m.	11th	15	N.14.d.67.73 (LONG TRMS)	registration
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.	12th	50	N.3.c.8.2, to N.14.a.8.1	<b>ENEMY MOVEMENTS</b>

The usual barrage was carried out.

## Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of gun	No. of shells	Locality shelled	regd. by	Remarks and Effect
5 a.m. to 7 a.m.	7.7 cm.	about 1200	N.30.c. and D	10th, 11th, 12th	Gas shells.
5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.	7.7 cm.	20	de.	de.	gas shells.
6.30 a.m.	10.5 cm.	20	N.6.d. and b.	104th	Gas shells
9.5 p.m.	21 cr.	4	N.6.d	104th	No damage.
12 noon	15 cm.	16	CHASSE AVENUE	104th	de.
1.15 p.m.	15 cm.	3	N.36.a	104th	U-known.

## Intelligence.

Observation. Bad, owing to mists.

No H.C. C's. report received as both Officers wounded when returning.

*Bayliss*

Lt. Col.  
C.O. 4th F.A. Bde.

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4th Field Artillery Brigade.

16/11/16.

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of rounds	Target	Remarks and Effect.
5 p.m.	10th	23	ZERO Lines	Checking correctness. Satisfactory

The usual Barrage was carried out.

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of shell	No. of shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
3 a.m. to 6.30 a.m.	10.5 cm gas.	About 2000	ABBAY ROAD and vicinity of Battery positions	10th 11th 12th	No damage.
9 a.m.	21 cm.	30	m.36.c	10th	unknown.
12.30 p.m.	7.7 cm. 10.5 cm.	about 250	ABBAY ROAD	10th, 11th 12th	Small amount amount ignited at 11th Bty.
2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	15 cm.	150	ZERO	10th 104th	Unknown.
11 a.m. to 11.20 a.m.	15 cm.	10	3.5.c	104th	No damage.
11.20 a.m.	10.5 cm	3	3.5.c	104th	de.
12.30 p.m.	10.5 cm	5	3.11.b	104th	de.
1.45 p.m.	15 cm	8	3.5.d	104th	de.
2.20 p.m.	10.5 cm.	6	3.5.a	104th	de.
3 p.m.	10.5 cm.	6	3.6.d	104th	de.
3 a.m. to 6 a.m.	Gas	Unknown	3.6.d	104th	de.
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Intelligence.

Gun firing on 3.11.b at 12.30 pm fired from direction of BAPAUME. UNK  
 Gun firing on 3.5.d at 1.45 pm fired from east of BAPAUME.  
 de. 3.5.a at 2.20 pm. de. West of BAPAUME.  
 The above is taken from 104th Bty. Intelligence report.

Aircraft. Very active on both sides.  
 12.45 p.m. Hostile plane brought down in M.I.B. Central.  
 Three hostile balloons up all day.

Observation. Only fair.

*W.A.G. Water.*

4th Field Artillery Brigade

17/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target	Remarks and Effect.
11 am.	10th		Checking Correcter	Satisfactory.

The usual barrage was carried out during the night.

8-10-16- Time	Nature of Gun	No. of shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and effect.
8 p.m. to 10 pm.	7.7 cm	200	M.36.b	11th	Gas shells.
2 pm.	27 cm	30	M 36 b 4 3	12th 12th	
2 pm to 4 pm	10.5 cm	5	S 5 d	104th	No damage
2.30 pm	21 cm	3	S 6 b	104th	
4.30 pm	10.5 cm	4	S 6 d	104th	

Intelligence

Enemy Artillery comparatively quiet. FLERS shelled at intervals.

Aircraft. Active during the afternoon, particularly.  
One balloon up behind THILLOY.

Observation. Good.

*R. G. G. G.*  
CO 4th F. A. Brigade. Lt. Col.

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4th F. A. Brigade.

18/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.M.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery No. of Rounds	Locality shelled	Remarks and effect.
5 p.M. to 6 p.M.	12th	20 N 9 a 3 7, THE TRENCH	Enemy movements.
The usual barrage was carried out.			

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun	No. of shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
11.30 am.	10.5 cm	25	ABBAY ROAD and vicinity	10th 11th	No damage.
3.30 pm.	10.5 cm	20	do.	do	do.
2 pm	15 cm	4	N 31 c	104th	
3 pm to 4 pm	various	Unknown	ELERS	104th	
4.30 pm.	10.5 cm	6	3 6 d	104th	Gas shells.

Intelligence.

Observation. Very bad owing to mist.

A comparatively quiet day.

*Bag Wait* Lt. Col.  
C.O. 4th F. A. Bde.

4th Field Artillery Brigade

19/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target.	Remarks and Effect.
am.	10th	9	Checking Corrector	Satisfactory.

usual barrage was carried out.

Enemy Artillery.

	Nature of gun.	No. of Shells	Locality shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
am.	10.5 cm	4	S.6.d 3 7	104th	No damage.
am.	10.5 cm	6	S 6 d	104th	de.
noon	15 cm.	20	FLERS	104th	de.

Intelligence.planes. Nil.observation. Bad owing to mist.

Comparatively quiet day.

*W. Derryman* Capt for Lt. Col.  
C.O. 4th F.A.B.

4th Field Artillery Brigade

20/11/16.

Intelligence report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target	Remarks and Effect.
3.30 pm.	10th	35	Searching Battery Zone	appeared satisfactory

The usual Barrage was carried out.

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun	No. of Shells	Locality Shelled	reptd. by	Remarks and Effect.
9.30 am to 10.30 am	21 cm	40	vicinity of 18 pdr. Bty. positions	10th 11th 12th	Officers dugout in 12th Bty. blown in.
2 pm to 3 pm	27 cm.	20	M.36.b	12th	Not known.
10.45 am to 5 pm	Intermittent shelling of S.6.d				
2.45 pm	10.5 cm	8	S.5.c	5 3	
3 pm	Heavy shelling on Right half of our Sector.				
2 pm to 4 pm	15 cm 21 cm	15	S 6 a.		
FLERS and vicinity shelled all the afternoon.					

Intelligence.

Enemy Aeroplanes. Active during the day. Five planes passed over the 18 pdr Battery positions during the day apparently observing for heavies which were firing over behind our positions.

2.45 pm. One of our fighting planes forced to land apparently South East of GUEDECOURT.

Observation. Fairly good.

*W. Berryman* Capt. Gen.  
Lt. Col.

C.C., 4th F. A. Brigade

4th Field Artillery Brigade

21/11/16.

Intelligence Report for 24 hours ending 6 p.m.

Our Artillery.

Time	Battery	No. of Rounds	Target	Remarks and effect.
11 am. to 1 pm.	104th	60	BARLEY TRENCH.	

C.O. No. 53 carried out this afternoon.

The usual barrage was carried out.

Enemy Artillery.

Time	Nature of Gun	No. of shells	Locality Shelled	regtd. by	Remarks and Effect.
12.30 pm.	10.5 cm. about 15 cm.	about 20	vicinity of 18 str. positions	10th, 11th, 12th	One gun hit 11th Bty. hit, gun out of action.
2.45 pm	15 cm.	10	do.	11th	No. damage.
11 am to 12 noon	15 cm	15	S 12 a	104th	
2.15 pm	10.5 cm	4	S 6 c.	104th	
3 pm	10.5 cm	8	S 12 a		

Intelligence.

Observation. Bad owing to mist.

*Balivatt*, Lt. Col.  
C.O. 4th F.A. Bde.

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4th F.A. Brigade Operation Order No. 51.Ref. sketch attached.

2nd Nov, 1916

1. The 5th Australian Division will carry out a minor operation in conjunction with the Division on its left.  
Date and time to be notified *5 miles*
2. The attack will be carried out by the 14th Brigade who will take the following objectives.  
Give support trench from M.18.2.2., M.18.c.6.8, M 18 d C 9  
M 18 d 6 6 M 13 c 3 5 to our present front line N 19 a 4 9.
3. Ammunition 18 pdrs. 75% shrapnel 25% m.m.  
4.5" Hows, gas shells if available, if not m.m.
4. The 12th Battery will detail a special r.o.c. to report to Battalion H.Q. and go forward to sheet batteries of the Group when the infantry has taken their objective.
5. Watches will be synchronised.
6. Rates of fire.  
C.O. to C.7. 4 rds. per gun per minute.  
C.7. to C.10 2 do do  
C.10 to C.16 do do  
C.16 to C.40 do do  
C.40 and onwards as ordered
7. The infantry will send up a succession of white flares when they have gained their objective
8. Task tables and sketches issued herewith
9. Acknowledge

Issued at 12.30 pm

*J.H. Berryman* Capt. Adj.  
4th F.A. Brigade

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2 War Diary ✓  
3 10th Bty  
4 11th Bty  
5 12th Bty  
6 104th Bty



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4th A. Brigade Operation Order No. 52

3/11/16.

Ref. Map, GHEUDECOURT  
BAPAUMS, 1/10000, Edit. 2, dated 23/10/16.

1. The following are the Battery Zones

Bty.		L. Boundary	Rt. Boundary.
10th	front	N.20.a.8.1	N.20.a.9g.2
	rear	N.14.b.7.1	N.14.b.8.0
11th	front	N.20.a.9g.2	N.20.d.8.9
	rear	N.14.b.8.0	N.14.d.9g.9g
12th	front	N.20.d.8.9	N.20.d.1.7
	rear	N.14.d.9g.9g	N.15.c.2.9g.
104th	front	N.20.a.8.1	N.20.d.1.7
	Left	N.14.b.7.1	N.15.c.2.7g.

2. S. C.S. line per 18 drs. will be on German front line.  
4.5" Hews. will not fire on German front line unless under observation or orders.

3. The 4th Field Artillery brigade covers fire N.20.c.6.4g. to N.20.c.8.3 of our own front line trenches.

4. Rate of fire, 18 par. Batteries, 150 rds. per day.  
150 rounds per night.

4.5" Hews. 60 rds. per day.  
90 rds. per night.

Issued at 6 p.m.

*A. Berwynman* Capt. Adj.  
4th A. Bde.

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- 2. War Diary.
- 3. 10th Bty.
- 4. 11th Bty.
- 5. 12th Bty.
- 6. 104th Bty.

Amendment to O.O.52.

The 12th Battery will take over the 10th Bty. Zone and the 10th Bty.  
will take over the 12th Bty. Zone

Time of taking over 1.30 p.m.

Issued at 1.30 p.m.  
5/11/16.

*J. H. Berryman* Capt. Adj.  
4th r. A. Brigade.

To 10th Bty.  
11th Bty.  
12th Bty.  
104th Bty.

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APPENDIX.

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P.D.5.

To

10th, 11th, 12th and 104th Bty.

1. Para. 4, O.C. 52 for 18 pdrs. is cancelled and the following substituted.

Rate, 18 pdrs. 60 rds. per day.

80 rds. per night.

This does not include ammunition used for special operations and - - fleeting opportunities.

2. If Zero time is communicated by phone it will be sent by "A code".

Example, Zero time will be 5.30 p.m. is

ix NNN three four one AAA 1750

as the correction N equals plus 10.

3. The big operation ~~probably~~ will take place on the 7th inst, the minor one on the 5th inst.

4? Liaison Officer for 4th inst.

Next per duty

then

then

11th Bty.

12th Bty.

104th Bty.

10th Bty.

Duty starts at 9 a.m.

5. Intelligence reports must be rendered on the usual pre-forma.

Is used at 7 p.m.

3/11/16.

*W. H. Cunningham* Capt. Adj.  
4th F. A. Brigade.

## 4th F.A. Brigade Operation Order No. 53

Ref Sheet 570 S.W.1, 1/10000.

At zero hour today 2nd Divisional Artillery will shell the enemy Trenches

2. 4th F.A.B. 18 pdr Batteries objectives will be as follows.

12th Bty N.20.a.8.1g to N.20.a.9g.g

11th Bty N.20.a.9g.g to N.20.d.g.7.

10th Bty N.20.d.g.9 to N.20.d.g.7.

Batteries will fire on above lines from 0.0 to 0.2.

3. At 0.2. 18 pdr. Batteries will lift northward at 100 yards per minute for a distance of 300 yards.

At 0.5. Batteries will jump back on to original line and fire on it for two minutes.

At 0.7. Batteries will cease fire.

4. Rate of fire for 18 pdr. Batteries will be three rounds per gun per minute.

5. All howitzers will fire on their night lines at rate of 2 rounds per how. per minute.

6. Zero time will be 2 p.m. on 6/11/16.

7. Watches will be synchronised at 1 p.m.

8. This operation will be repeated on 7th and 8th inst., at times to be notified.

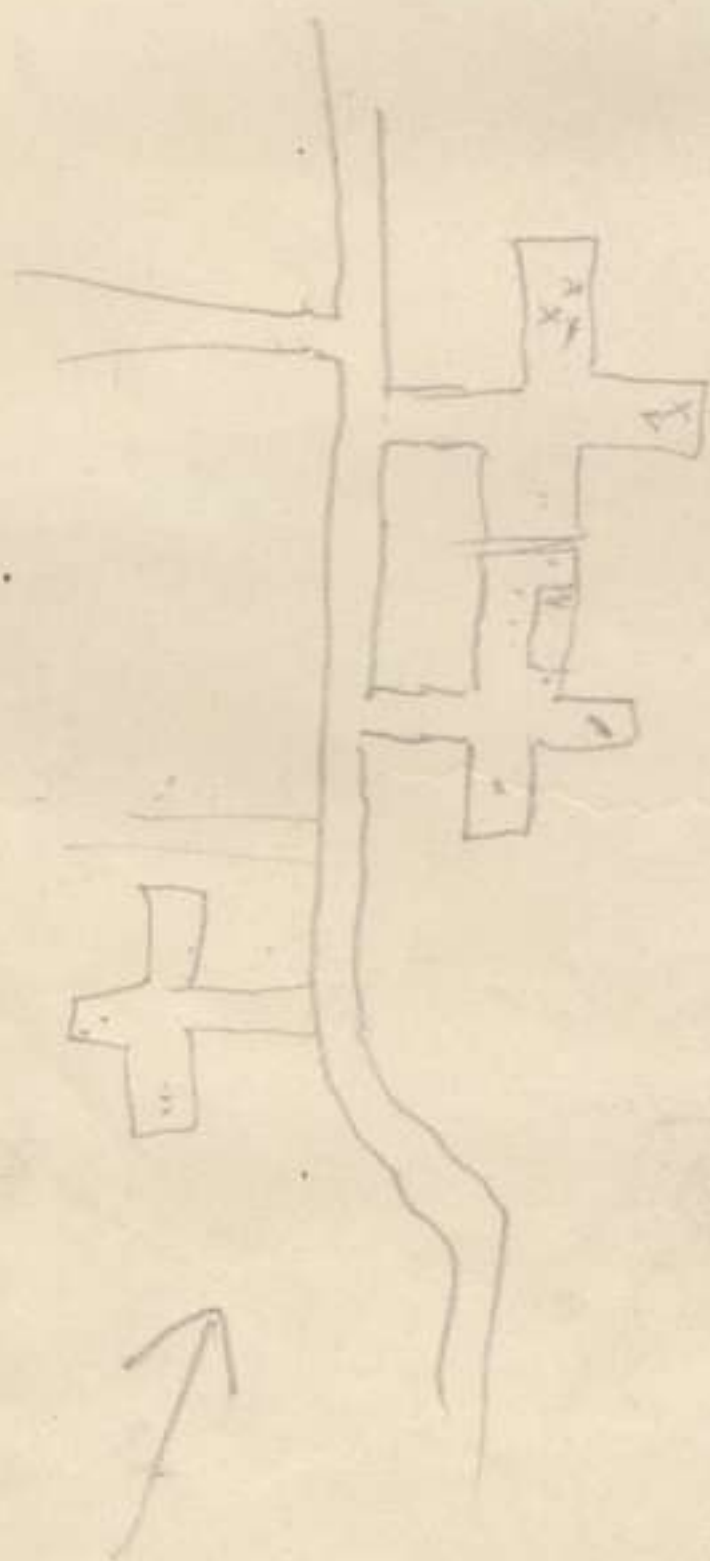
9. Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 11.30 a.m.  
6/11/16.

*W. Berryman* Capt. Adj.  
4th Field Art. Brigade.

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- 2 War Diary
- 3. 10th Bty.
- 4 11th Bty.
- 5. 12th Bty.
- 6. 104th Bty.



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## OPERATION ORDER No. 54

by Lt. Col. S.A.G. WATTS D.S.O.  
S.O. 4th F.A. Bde  
10/11/16.

Ref. Map, 570 S.W.I. Edit 2A.

1. Batteries will shell enemy's front line HILT and BAYONET Trenches in their own zones at 3 p.m. on 10/11/16 for five minutes. The 4.5" Batteries will not fire.
2. Ammunition, 50% H.S. 50% T.S.
3. Rate of Fire, 4 rounds per gun per minute.
4. Watches will be synchronised at 2 p.m.

Issued at 1.30 p.m.

5. Return ledge by wire

*F.H. Morrison* Capt. Adj.  
4th F. A. Brigade.

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2. War Diary.  
3. 10th sty.  
4. 11th sty.  
5. 12th sty.  
6. 104th sty.

Note. Battery Commanders will report to Headquarters at 4 p.m. this afternoon.

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## OPERATION ORDER No. 55

by Lt. Col. B A G WATTS D S O  
C O 4th Field Art. Brigade  
19/11/16.

1. The 2nd Aust. Div. Artillery will be relieved in the line by the 4th Aust. Div. on the 22nd and 23rd of November 1916.
2. Guns with sights and sight clinometers will be handed over in situ
3. Relief will be carried out by sections on 22nd and 23rd at times to be arranged between Brigade Commanders concerned. To be completed by 12 noon on 23rd inst.
4. The 5th Brigade will not be relieved. The guns stores etc. of this Brigade will be withdrawn from the line by the personnel of the 4th F A Brigade on the 23rd, and the 4th F A Brigade thus completed will withdraw from the line and remain in Divisional Reserve.
5. All ammunition dumped at guns will be handed over and receipt obtained by 12 noon on 23rd inst. The ammunition of 14th and 15th Batteries will be taken over by the 12th Brigade. The ammunition of 10th and 13th Batteries will be taken over by 10th Brigade. All maps photos etc. of 5th Brigade to be handed in to 4th D.A.H.Q.
6. All maps, photos etc., to be handed over to relieving units.

Issued at

*10 pm**J. W. Berryman*

Capt. Adj.

4th F A Brigade.

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2 War Diary  
3 10th Bty.  
4 11th Bty.  
5 12th Bty.  
6 14th Bty.

*Note Dates changed**J. W. Berryman Capt*

## OPERATION ORDERS No. 56

by Lt. Col. B. A. G. WATTS D.S.O.  
C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade.  
21/11/16.

On November 21st, 1916, the 4th Field Artillery Brigade will shell the SUNKEN ROAD and trenches N 20 & 1 & 3 along road to N 20 & 4 5 as follows

104th Hew. Bty. From 3 to 3.10 pm. With gas shells  
Two rounds per gun per minute.

18 pdrs. From 3.20 to 3.25 pm. with T.S. and H.E.  
Two rounds per gun per minute

104th Hew. Bty. From 3.25 to 3.45 pm With Gas shells  
Two rounds per Hew. per minute.

18 pdrs. From 3.50 to 3.55 pm. With T.S. & H.E.  
Two rounds per gun per minute.

104th Hew. Bty. From 3.55 to 4 pm. With gas shells.  
Two rounds per Hew. per minute.

18 pdrs. From 4.45 pm to 4.50 pm. With T.S. & H.E.  
Two rounds per gun per minute.

Acknowledge by wire.

Issued at 1.30 p.m.

*W. H. Berryman* Capt. Adj.  
4th F. A. Brigades

- Copy No. 1 File. ✓  
2. War Diary. ✓  
3. 10th Bty  
4. 11th Bty.  
5. 12th Bty.  
6. 104th Bty.  
7. 48th Battalion.

### Battery Objectives

10<sup>th</sup> Bty N20d 1½.3 to N20d 2½.4½  
11<sup>th</sup> Bty N20d 2½.4½ to N20d 3¼.5  
12<sup>th</sup> Bty. N20d 3¼.5 to N20d 4.5½  
104<sup>th</sup> Bty. N20d 1½.3 to N20d 4.5½

*W. H. Berryman*



OPERATION ORDER No. 57

by Lt. Col. B.A.G. WATTS D.S.O.  
C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade  
22/11/16.

Ref. Map ALBERT 1/40000.

1. The 24th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will relieve the 4th Australian Field Artillery Brigade in the line, reliefs to be carried out by sections on the 23rd and 24th insts.  
Reliefs to be completed at 6 am. each day.  
40th Bty. will relieve the 10th Bty.  
44th Bty.                    do.            11th Bty.  
48th Bty.                    do.            12th Bty.  
112th Bty.                   do.            104th Bty.
2. Guns with sights and sight clinometers but stripped of other stores will be handed over in position.
3. Maps log books aeroplane photos etc. will be handed over. Secret Codes "A" will not be handed over.
4. All ammunition will be handed over and receipts in duplicate will be forwarded to this Office at 8 a.m. on 24th inst.
5. Guns of 5th Australian Field Artillery Brigade will be taken over at 8 a.m. on morning of 23rd and 24th instants, one Section per Battery each day.  
10th Battery will take over guns from 13th Battery.  
11th Battery                    do.            14th Battery.  
12th Battery                   do.            15th Battery.  
104th Battery                   do.            105th Battery.  
These guns will be taken to wagon lines.
6. Acknowledge.

Issued at 6.20 pm.

*J. H. Berryman*                    Capt. Adj.  
4th F. A. Brigade.

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2. War Diary. ✓  
3. 10th Bty.  
4. 11th Bty.  
5. 12th Bty.  
6. 104th Bty.

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## OPERATION ORDER No. 58

by Lt. Col. S.A.G. WATTS D.S.O.  
C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade  
24/11/16.

Ref. Map. ALBERT 1/40000.

1. On 25th inst., 4th Field Artillery Brigade and 1st Section 2nd D.A.C. will march to "K" Area
2. Starting time 7.15 a.m.
3. Starting Point Wagen Lines.
4. Route. CARNOY. Cross Roads at F.18.c. Road Junction F.4.c MEAULTE, Road Junction E.26.c.8.1 to "K" Area in Squares K2 and K3.
5. Order of March. H.Q. 10th. 11th. 12th. 104th. 1st Section 2nd D.A.C. and Train.
6. Intervals. Between Units 200 yards.
7. Guides will meet units at Road Junction at E.26.c.8.1.
8. Acknowledge.

Issued at 1 pm.

*Y.M. Berryman* Capt. Adj.  
4th F. A. Brigade.

- Copy No. 1 File.
2. War Diary. ✓
  3. 10th Bty.
  4. 11th Bty.
  5. 12th Bty.
  6. 104th Bty.
  7. 1st Sect. 2nd D.A.C.

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## Operation Order No. 59

by Lt. Col. B.A.G. WATTS D.S.O.  
C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade  
25/11/16.

Ref. Map. AMI ENS 1/100000.

1. 4th Field Artillery Brigade and 1st Section 2nd D. A. C. will march to BONNAY on 26th inst.
2. Starting point. Camp.
3. Starting Point. 10 a.m.
4. Order of March, Headquarters. 11th. 12th. 104th. 10th. D.A.C.
5. Route. VILLE-TREUX - MERICOURT then along South of ANCRE to BONNAY.
6. Intervals. 200 yards between Units.
7. Rations. Leaders will report at 6 am. 26th inst., and rations will be drawn at 7 a.m. at MORLANGOURT CHURCH.
8. Guides will meet units at BONNAY and conduct them to billets.
9. Acknowledge.

Issued at 6.30 pm.

*J.A. Berryman* Capt. Adj  
4th F. A. Brigade.

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2. War Diaru. ✓
  3. 10th Bty.
  4. 11th Bty.
  5. 12th Bty.
  6. 104th Bty.
  7. 1st/2nd Dac.

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## OPERATION ORDER No. 60

by Lt. Col. B.A.G. WATTS D.S.C.  
C.O. 4th F. A. Brigade  
26/11/16.

Ref. Map AMI EWS 1/100000.  
LENS 1/100000.

1. 4th Field Artillery Brigade and 1st Section 2nd D.A.C. will march to NACURS on 27th inst.
2. Starting Point, Road junction 100 yards N.W. of MCNNAY Church.
3. Starting Time. 8 a.m.
4. Order of March, H.Q. 10th, 11th, 12th, 104th, 1st Sec. D.A.C., Train.
5. Route. LA HOUSCOYE. QUERRIEUX. ST. GRATIEN. MOLLIEUX. VILLERS BOCCAGE, Cross roads  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile North of VILLERS BOCCAGE. FLESSELLES to NACURS.
6. Intervals. 200 yards between units.
7. Rations will be drawn on arrival at NACURS by the Church.
8. Train will be commanded by an Officer to be detailed by C.O. 104th Battery.
9. Acknowledge.

Issued at 2 p.m.

*W. Berryman* Capt. Adj  
4th F. A. Brigade.

- Copy No. 1 File.
2. War Diary. ✓
  3. 10th Sty.
  4. 11th Sty.
  5. 12th Sty.
  6. 104th Sty.
  7. 1<sup>st</sup>/<sub>2</sub> sec. D.A.C.