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*4<sup>th</sup> Aust D.A.C.*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Remarks and references to Appendices	Summary of Events and Information	Hour	Date	Place
March 1st.	<p>LOGRE. Therm. 31 deg. at 6.30 a.m.: cold wind, rain, sleet. Issued 876 A, 2312 AX, 648 BX, 1000 BCBR. I ordered the 5th and 6th Battys, doubled up in S.A.A. Section Lines, to build earth walls round their tents. Only four Officers/available for duty in the Section Lines and the transport work calls for all wagons. Guides trained to lead Btys to 1st and 2nd Zones no longer required, that for 3rd Zone only. Strength: 18 Off., 602 O/R; On duty in Lines: 9 Off., O/R 500: On leave, 3 Off., 65 O/R. (AVU)</p>			
March 2nd	<p>Therm 35° 9 a.m., cold wind, snow. Issued 461 A, 1723 AX, 648 BX. VERMOZEELE S.A.A. DUMP taken over by 1st A.D.A.C. and Lt Florance transferred to York House Dump and other personnel brought to lines. (AVU)</p>			
"	<p>3rd. Therm. 30° 9 a.m. - 33° midday, snow. Issued 1399 A, 1409 AX, 432 BX, 45 TMF (9.45). M.O. Major Whiteman to a school: Major Collins, M.C. reports as relief. (AVU)</p>			
"	<p>4th. Therm. 35° 8 a.m., 40° Midday: windy; rainy. Issued 488 A, 876 AX, 594 BX. Competitive and qualifying exams for N.C.Os., 7 presented, 2 qualified: the questions are not difficult but the failures are due to such as not <del>having</del> knowing how many rounds are carried in the various classes of wagons or how to measure a few miles on the map from one reference to another. (AVU)</p>			
"	<p>5th. Therm. 37° at 8 a.m. cold wind, sunny. Issued 38 A, 32 AX, 100 6" TMG. (AVU)</p>			
"	<p>6th. Therm. 39° at 8 a.m.: warm. Issued 1678 A, 2096 AX, 900 BX, 15 TMF (9.45"). Capt W. Retchford reports from schools, England. Ploughing every day for vegetable crops. (AVU)</p>			
"	<p>7th. Therm. 40° 9 a.m. Sunny: cold. Issued 266 A, 173 AX, 4 BX, 45 TMF (9.45"). 16 Queensland Election voting papers arrive but 60 voters in Unit: I wire for 44 more: 66 Instructions how to vote. Lieut Mein hands over York House Dump to Lt Florance. (AVU)</p>			
"	<p>8th. Therm 32° at 8 a.m. Sunny. Issued 76 AX, 101 BX. Capt D. E. Aikins returns from Hospital. Lieut C.E. Peel, " " T.M. School. " H.S. Davey " " Tilques Arty. School. " H.H. McKeown " " " " " E.S. Battye reports from England. " J.S.V. Mein proceeds on English leave. Exams for N.C.Os.: fair results. (AVU)</p>			
"	<p>9th. Therm. 33° 8 a.m. sunny. Issued 1494 A, 700 Incendiary A, 357 A. Smoke, 3386 AX, 1525 B.X., 200 6" TMG. Capt A.V. Richardson hands over No 2 Section to Capt. W. Retchford. Collecting SOS Signals from Arty Groups and Inf Bdes as they are to be changed: portions on a gas shelled area not obtainable till effects have gone off. No 1960, Sgt. Clinnick, R.J. presented by Corps Cmdr. with medal of the Belgian Croix de Guerre at Neuve Eglise. (AVU)</p>			
"	<p>Therm. 32° at 8 a.m. Sunny. Issued 80 BX charges. Capt A.V. Richardson takes over York House Dump from Lt Florance. H.V. Vernon Ltr</p>			

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March	Remarks and references to Appendices	Summary of Events and Information
11th	LOCRE. Therm. 33° at 8 a.m. sunny. Issued 2400 AX, 900 BX, 520 9.45" TMF and TMK. R.M.C. Major R.J.N. Whiteman returns and Major Collins, M.C. to 12th Field Amb. 28 Wagons on duty with Transport Pool and Battery work. (HVV)	
"	12th. Therm. 33° at 8 a.m. Sunny. Issued 152 A, 3200 AX. Health of personnel excellent: discipline, cleanliness and morale very high, a great deal owing to the well laid out and suitable camps. 23 Wagons on pool and Battery work. (HVV)	
"	13th Therm. 36° at 8.30 a.m. sunny. Issued from York House Dump. Nil. Shells burst close to dump. Capt. W. Retchford transfers to 39th Bty? Capt A.S. Ford from 39th to D.A.C. Capt. A.V. Richardson takes command of No 2 Section. 24 Reinforcements from Base, about half drivers and gunners. 25 Wagons on pool and battery work. (HVV)	
"	14th. Therm. 40° at 9 a.m. raining. Issued 1200 A, 3600 AX, 900 BX. Capt Sanderson proceeds on S; of France leave. Capt D. E. Aikins takes command temporarily of S.A.A. Sec Outward reinforcements given:- 10 to 10th Bde; 20 to 11th; Bde; 10th to 7th and 8th T.M. Btys. Shelling close to the Brulooze lines. 31 wagons on pool and battery work. (HVV)	
"	15th Therm. 33° at 8 a.m. Sunny. Issued 950 A, 794 AX, 648 BX. Reveillé altered from 6.45 a.m. to 6.30 a.m. as it is sufficiently light. Lt. Crocker from leave. Shelling close to Brulooze lines. 31 Wagons on pool and battery work. (HVV)	
"	16th Therm. 31° at 8 a.m. <del>XXXXX</del> sunny. Issued 2312 A, 2040 AX, 888 BX. 38 wagons on pool and battery work. (HVV)	
"	17th. Therm. 35° 8 a.m. sunny. Issued 1188 A, 892 AX, 150 TMG 6", 152 15pr. 27 wagons on pool and battery work. (HVV)	
"	18th. Therm. 40° at 8 a.m. sunny. Issued 490A, 426 AX. Town Major visits the various plots of ploughed and hand turned vegetable areas and expresses satisfaction: about three fourths of an acre in hand or about to be commenced. D.A.G. A.I.F. G8/165 received, increasing personnel of D.A.C. to 15 Officers and 656 O.R. including the M.O. and 3 A.A.V.C. Sgts. attached. Heavy shelling in local areas 9.45" shrapnel and 6" H.E. 27 wagons on pool and battery work. (HVV)	
"	19th. Therm. 45° at 8 a.m. raining. Issued 412 A, 1424 AX, 336 BX, 152 15 pr. Capt. W. R. O. McNaught, M.C. proceeded on English leave. Capt. A.S. Ford takes command of No 1 Section. 32 reinforcements from Base including 5 old men? Heavy shelling into BAILLEUL, STEENWERCK, and DRANOUTRE. 28 wagons on pool and battery work. (HVV)	
"	20th Therm 45° at 8 a.m. raining. Issued 800 A, 2400 AX, 900 BX. Shells fall behind LOCRE, 2 E.A. bombs drop close to camp after dark. A 9.45" shrapnel bursts and pierces mess hut roof, no casualties. On the new establishment, D.A.C. is short by 51 O/R. Strength is 605; Strength on duty in lines 510; on leave 54; detached duties, schools, etc., 24. 29 wagons on pool and transport work. (HVV)	Hour Date
"	21st. Therm. 45° at 9 a.m. sunny. Issued NIL. Lt. Florance hands over York House Dump to Lt. Dickinson, and returns to lines. Lt E.S. Battye from lines to Dump. 6" shells fall in camp: no casualties. 30 wagons on pool and transport work. (HVV) <i>even 27c</i>	Place



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LOCRE.

Therm. 40° at 8 a.m. Sunny.

Issued 1152A, 1452 AX, 2040 BX, 898 BNC.  
I visit C.R.A. 1st Aust. Div. under whose command we are  
at present, and state that with 16 wagons on loan to the  
10th and 11th Bdes. I could not move quickly with full  
echelon establishment of ammunition if required; and all  
other wagons usually out on road work.  
Heavy shelling in DRANOUTRE and vicinity Camp.  
Wagon Pool and Batteries 30. (HVV)

"

23rd.

OUTTERSTEENE. Therm. 40° 8 a.m. Sunny.

Issued 380 A, 2571 AX, 480 Bx, 450 BPS, 1550 BCBR.  
At 1.15 p.m. orders received that D.A.C. was to march to-  
night to MERRIS area: 16 wagons at the batteries and nearly  
every wagon out on road duties. I wire in every direction  
but they only come in slowly. BAILLEUL being shelled. I  
take move possibly as changing areas with 1st D.A.C. whose  
Div. Arty. we are now working for. Advance Billetting  
parties sent at 2.30 p.m. to 1st D.A.C. billets. At 3 p.m.  
1st D.A. order received to pass through Neuve Eglise at  
9 p.m. I issue orders to leave at 7.30 p.m. All but 8  
wagons return and boxed ammunition for these had to be  
left behind. Lt. H. H. McKeown to be left behind with  
parties and horses to collect these wagons and rejoin  
when camp is cleared of stores etc., surplus of which are  
to be handed into Ordnance. Lt. ~~Richardson~~ Dickinson  
left on York House Dump with 7 O/R. March to avoid  
BAILLEUL via NEUVE EGLISE - DE SEULE - NOOTE BOOM - to  
OUDERSTEENE and locality, arriving complete by 1 a.m.  
State on arrival, 14 Officers, 535 O/R (viz:- shortage  
on estab. of 121 O/R): 690 animals; 8 G.S.W. short and  
1 Limb. G.S. with the D.T.M.O. (HVV)

Summary of Events and Information

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24th.

LA CORBIE

OUTTERSTEENE. Sunny. Received orders and issued order  
No 1 for march to HAVERSKERQUE AND BUSNES on 24th and 25th  
2/Lt Hely and Lt. Cramp sent as Billetting Officers, one  
for each day. Marched at 2.20 p.m. via LA COURONNE -  
NEUF BERQUIN - MERVILLE to farms "La Corbie" between  
MERVILLE AND HAVERSKERQUE. Arrived 6.45 p.m. all in by  
7.20 p.m. 6 of the 9 absent wagons arrive but without  
their ammunition. Leave stopped to all troops. Issued  
Order No 2 for march to BUSNES area. Billets for most  
of the men. (HVV)

"

25th.

HOUDAIN. Received orders 3 a.m. (No 122). Lt Cramp ad-  
vance billetting officer leaves at 9 a.m. Marched at  
10.25 a.m. via HAVERSKERQUE where the column was delayed  
for an hour by reason of the single crossing over canal  
at St VENANT: although the traffic on this main is large  
- D.A.C. was also delayed on it in the 1916 march to the  
SOMME - there is only the one single track crossing over  
the branches of the canals and the traffic break to let  
the opposite routes through is about 100 yards, causing  
much loss of time. March continued through ROBECCQ -  
CHOQUES - LA BEUVRIE - HESDIGNEUL - BRUAY - to HOUDAIN?  
arriving about 6 p.m. Most men in billets.

Animals not overtired and looked well on arrival.  
March discipline good as regards dismounting at once.  
Lt Crocker reported from Gas School.

Issued order No 3 for march of 26th. (HVV)

26th.

SAULTY. Sunny but cold. Lt Battye sent as billetting  
Officer to BASSEUX. As per D.A. Order 123 marched at 10  
a.m. from HOUDAIN via REBREUVE - HERMIN - CAUCOURT -  
AUBIGNY - to HERMAVILLE. There received orders to change  
route move to Westwards: marched via LATTRE - HAUTVILLE -  
FOSSEUX - to BARLY en route to SAULTY. There Lt. Battye  
reports town blocked and no chance of billetting.

Place Date Hour



March

Continued.

The following messages, all attached to original of this Diary, received, but not in sequence, owing to the various roads of the Bdes and D.A.C. and the lengths of the columns (D.A.C. Column at present is about 2636 yards with ~~xxxx~~ normal interspaces of 25 yds between groups of 6 wagons and 100 yds between sections): messages shown here in sequence of writing but not quite in sequence of action:-  
BMI. (Extracts) "4th Aust. Inf. Bde ordered to retake HEBUTERNE", on this I sent O.C. S.A.A. Section to consult at H.Q. of G.O.C. 4th Aust. Inf. Bde. "11th A.F.A. Bde to cover". On this I ordered No 2 Section to be in touch and detach itself from D.A.C.

BM2. "10th A.F.A. Bde. position of readiness LA CAUCHIE - LA BEZIQUE and D.A.C. to go to SAULTY, less the section detached to 11th A.F.A. Bde. (i.e. No 2).

BM3. The situation.

BM of 4.20 p.m. "11th Bde coming into action between SOUASTRE AND BIENVILLERS".

BM4. Cancelling 11th Bde and No 2 Section field work.

BM5. "Division moving to FORCEVILLE - D.A.C. to move on orders issued later.

BM6. "Move to take place on 27th".


I had moved the whole D.A.C. into a field outside SAULTY where the animals - a little fatigued - were fed, and all personnel slept alongside the wagons. Cold winds and men tired.

At 11 p.m. received D.A. Order No 124 to march to ACHEUX - VARENNES locality.

I issued orders for reveillé at 5 a.m. and move at 7 a.m.

27th RLOY. Marched at head of column at 7 a.m. from SAULTY via BAVINCOURT - HUMBERCAMP - ST AMAND - SOUASTRE - COIGNEUX - BERTRANCOURT arriving at ACHEUX about 1.30 p.m. where I parked in fields to await orders and feed. At 2.20 p.m. I received orders to come with reconnaissance party to VARENNES, where I received C.R.A's. instructions to move to WARLOY, and information on the front line. Found ammunition at ACHEUX station, to make up shortage. At 3.35 p.m. instructions were issued by the Adjutant at ACHEUX to move to WARLOY. Between 5 and 6 p.m. D.A.C. was bivouacked in folds of the hills north of WARLOY. 5 ammunition guides each were supplied to the 10th and 11th Bdes and 2 to the Infantry. At 8 p.m. received D.A. order 125 to march to BAVELINCOURT. Issued order No 4.

28th.	Hour	Date	Place
AGNICOURT. Issued during night (States up to 10 a.m.). 684 BX to 11th Baty. At 8.45 a.m. marched via WARLOY - CONTAY - to BAVELINCOURT. Civilians moving out of all the 5 villages passed through. A few shells fell. Formed a Bivouac in three fields for D.A.C. and established an Office in a cottage. No 1 Section supplies ammn to 10th Bde. and No 2 to the 11th: and S.A.A. Section working under the D.A.C.M.G. for the 12th and 13th Aust Infy Bdes. At 1 p.m. instructed by 21st Div. Staff to vacate BAVELINCOURT on corps orders and move to AGNICOURT. By 3 p.m. clear of the former and by 3.30 p.m. established in latter. with Technical Stores concentrated, and forward wagon lines arranged for near WARLOY at which place ammunition was expected. No billets on the lines and the sections sleep by wagons. Rain falls in afternoon and night: cold wind. Btys call on D.A.C. for ammn. Several shells fall near the camp, no casualties. All ammn and camp arrangements in working order by 7 p.m. C.R.A. 9th Div. takes command at BASIEUX. Message SC 519 attached states echelon to be kept filled. Message SC 526 " " That A.R.P. for 29th would be CONTAY <del>message</del> H.V. Verma 1078 (Amth)			

for 29<sup>th</sup> would be CONTAY  #v-vern 100e

That A.R.P.



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AGNICOURT. Issue of last 24 hours up to 10 a.m.:  
1368 A and AX, 300 BX to 10th Bde.  
~~1368 A and AX, 288 BX to 11th Bde.~~  
450;000 S.A.A.; 1380 No 5 Grenades: 1600 Rifle Grenades:  
9 cases Very lights: 6 boxes Pistol Ball to 12th and  
13th Aust. Inf Bdes.  
I place Lt. E. S. Battye in charge of the Dump at CONTAY  
railway station: Lorries bring Artillery and Infantry amm  
to the one spot: railway lines are lifted. Dump Officer  
is given 12 O/R. I order all forward wagon lines back to  
Camp as it is only 2 miles or less to the dump and that  
the full Echelon shall always be kept at camp unless  
drawn on by batteries. ~~2~~  
S.C. instructs that CONTAY Rly Stn will be A.R.P. for 30th.  
Animals do not appear to have suffered by the 5 days  
constant march: grazing availed of when chances offer.  
Artillery drawing from Lt Battye's Dump is:- 4th Aust, and  
9th D.A.: 51st and 150th Army Brigades. ~~H.V.~~

" 30th. AGNICOURT. CONTAY A.R.P. receives up to noon: 7580 A,  
6180 AX, 1500 BX. Issued to 5 Brigades 2559 A, 1140 AX,  
940 BX.  
Issued by Sections to 10th and 11th Bdes: 1042A,  
1138 AX, 268 BX up to 10 a.m.  
At 6 p.m. CONTAY A.R.P. or Dump holds: 13881 A,  
15756 AX, 1146 BX.  
D.A.C. Officers reconnoitre country between Wagon  
Lines for other approaches to Btys and possible routes in  
case of change of position. 10th and 11th Bdes forward  
W. Lines move to WARLOY. ~~H.V.~~

" 30th. CONTAY Dump to-day supplies 4th and 9th D. Artys, 51st,  
and 150th Bdes, total 6 Bdes. At 6 p.m. these change to  
150th, 95th and 108th Bdes on Right and 10th and 11th Bdes  
on Left. Total 5 Bdes.  
Contay Dump issued to NOON 3042 A: 2470 AX: 1990 BX  
Sections " " " 376 304 600  
Contay Dump on hand " 20048 20720 1110

S.A.A. Section issued 78,000 SAA and 200 TMC.  
D.A.C. and No 11 Dental Unit Personnel. O/R:-  
Total on Somme. 549  
On duty in Lines and Dump. 519  
Leave 36  
Still at LOCRE 11  
Schools 14

Short on Somme 113 49  
Short on Estab. in France 50 111

Lt. C. E. Peel reports from leave. Left Paris on night of  
23rd, posted to S.A.A. Section who have only 2 Officers.  
At 10 a.m. mounted 1 LEWIS Gun, less tripod, in action.  
1 Other being cleaned and put together: 1 other issued  
before the march, minus trays or panniers.

H.V. Vernon LGR



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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

- (a) D.A.C. orders No 27 of 2.3.18  
 & No 31 14.3.18

being the only Triplicate Copies extant.

- (b) Amm Refilling Point Order "SC 526"

of 28.3.18 giving instructions as to

Locality & Personnel etc.

This is authority for opening CONTAY DUMP.

- (c) Adm. Inst. 23. : 29.3.18.

@ CONTAY A.R.P.

+ Amm. Stores.

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1. The S. A. A. and Grenade Dump at Vermozele, was handed over to 1st A. D.A.C. on 2nd: Lt Florance and all personnel and animals returned to camp.
2. Guide work for D.A.C. to Baty positions in 1st and 2nd Zones has ceased: but guides already instructed may be called on if required. Guide work to 3rd Zone to receive O's C. personal attention as to Boards etc., and para. 4, D.A.C. Order No 26.
3. 1st and 2nd F.A. (Aust) Bdes take Bty positions of 10th and 11th Bdes on 3rd inst, and the latter move to "superimposed group" positions. 1st Bde is F Group and 2nd is E Group.
4. New wagon lines, 3rd inst: 10th Bde at ELZENWALLE, 11th Bde at Coventry and Aden Camps and 11th Bty at SEBASTOPOL.  
The 1st and 2nd Bdes take over POMPIER and DETTINGEN CAMPS.
5. The 38th and 42nd Btys occupy after the move, F2R/B and E2R/B and are considered "Mobile Reserve" Btys at the disposal of the Div'l Comdr., (see D.A. Insts. No 36).
6. Amending Order No 25, para. 3: C.R.A. 4th. hands over to C.R.A. 1st, 10 a.m. 9th March. *Amended to 11.*
7. 7th and 8th Btys. M. T. Mortars (4th Aust. Div.) will be relieved on the 3rd, by 1st and 2nd Btys M.T.M. (1st A. Div) Personnel of 7th and 8th proceed to STRAZEELE on the 4th inst.
8. 4.5" Range Table Memo available with C.O. for an applicant.
9. Ref. G.R.O. 3450. Cartridges, Small Arm, 303"., N.C. Mark VII. Z. S.A.A. .303 in loaded with 41 grains of nitro-cellulose powder instead of cordite has come into supply.  
The cartridges are similar to those loaded with cordite, but have no wad; they can be recognised by the letter "Z" added to the numeral. (42 (Q.B.2.).)
10. On the 4th inst. Lieut Florance will proceed to York House Dump for instruction under Lieut. Mein.
11. G.R.O. 3476. Trench Mortar Ammunition. 3-inch Stokes. 3-inch Stokes Mortar Bombs are now being received filled Sabulite.  
The bombs are marked with a pink band and the stencilling "S.A.B?", and the boxes are ~~filled~~ stencilled "Filled Sabulite". (33/14(Q.B.2.).)

*H.V. Venn*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
O. C. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

2-3-18.



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Issued to,

4TH. A. D. A. C. ORDER NO 28. 5.3.18.

1. <sup>1K</sup> ~~2K~~ relieves <sup>2K</sup> ~~1K~~ on guard at York House on 6-3-18.
2. The Spare Brigade positions in 3rd Zone are deficient in Boards and markings. 3K will prepare missing boards and paint the lettering noted below.

"A"	Bty.	N 7 b 0039	Board required	<u>E3</u> <u>SA</u>
"B"	"	N 7 b 0289	" "	<u>E3</u> <u>SB</u>
"C"	"	N 1 d 9323	" "	<u>E3</u> <u>SC</u>
"D"	"	N 7 a 5654	" "	<u>E3</u> <u>SD</u>

## 3. Locations etc:-

			Field.	W. Ls.
	1 BHQ		I 32 a 9 9	
	1st Bty	F/A	I 33 a 7 6)	Pompier.
Right	2nd "	F/B	I 27 d 6 4)	"
Group	3rd "		O 3 c 6 5 )	Kimberley
"F"	101st "		I 33 d 5 0 )	N 13 b 8 8
	2 BHQ		I 26 d 0 0	
	4th Bty		I 28 d 4 8	
Group	5th "		I 28 d 8 8	Dettingen
	6th "		I 28 d 4 4	N 14 d 0 5
"E"	102nd "		I 34 a 8 6	
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Super-	108 BHQ		N 7 c 7 3	Devon.
imposed	37th Bty		O 1 c 9 8	(Elzenwalle
Group	38th "		O 1 c 2 1	(H 36 c 5 4
	39th "		O 3 a 0 1)	Pompier
	110th "		O 3 b 5 4)	N 14 a 3 3
(Group	11th B.H.Q.		Lock 7.	Fermoy N 13 a
H.Q.)	41st Bty		I 33 c 6 5	Aden N 11 c
	42nd "		I 25 d 7 9	Coventry N 10 b
	43rd "		I 32 d 6 7	Little Kemmel N 20 c
	111th "		I 26 c 3 6	Sebastopol
1st Aust	D. A. C. H. Q.			36A F 9 a 1 8
1st "	D. T. M. O.			Laiterie N 16 d 2 4
4th "	" "			Strazeele area.

H. V. Venn Lieut.-Col.  
O. C. 4th. A. D. A. C.

John Ho. N 16 d 2 5

KHQ M 23 b 7 1



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1. T. M. Bty. Reorganisation.  
 X 4 A MTMB is now 7th Aust. M.T.M.Bty  
 Y 4 A " " " 8th " " "  
 Z 4 A)  
 V 4 A) H. T. M. B. is now merged in "V/Aust Heavy T.M.Bty.
2. Misunderstanding has arisen over rounds of 4.5" How. carried G. S. Wagons:-  
 (a) W.E. No 642 shows establishment of a D.A.C. <sup>Section</sup> as 396 rounds BOXED carried in 4 S.S.W. - i.e. an average of 66 per wagon.  
 (b) As this cannot be done without breaking boxes, the 4th Aust. D.A.C. normal load, as already promulgated for ammunition carrying purposes will be 70 rounds, viz:- 35 boxes of shells and 7 boxes of charges: total 42 boxes.  
 (c) 4.5" A.L.Wagons may, if roads are suitable, deliver rounds thus:-  

48 loose shells	
2 boxes "	-- 1 box on the limber or body.
50 charges.	- -5 boxes " " " "
<hr/>	
Total.	6 boxes " " " "
3. As the S.A.A. Section have now provided missing boards and numbered all; it is taken that all 3rd Zone Bty Positions are complete in Boards and lettering.
4. Lt. J. S. V. Meing handed over York House Dump to Lt. F. F. Florance on 7-3-18 and rejoined Section.

*H. V. Vernon* Lieut. Col.  
O. C. 4th. A.D.A.C.



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4TH AUST. D. A. C. ORDER NO 30. 11.3.18

1. 4th A. D. A. H. Q. moves 11-3-18 to KLEIN CAMP 28, N 20 d 2 5, handing over to C. R. A. 1st Aust. Div. at 10 a.m. at Scherpenberg
2. D. T. M. O. 1st Aust. Div. is now located at 28 I 33 a 3 2.
3. <sup>2K</sup> ~~1K~~ will relieve <sup>1K</sup> ~~2K~~ on guard at York House at 10.30 a.m. 13-3-18:  
<sup>2K</sup> ~~1K~~ provides transport and returns.
4. Lt F. F. Florance took command of York House Dump from Lt. Mein (to Section) on 7-3-18: and handed over to Capt. A. W. Richardson on 10-3-18, remaining for duty.
5. S. O. S. Signals collected from Group and Inf. Bde. H. Qs. on 9-3-18 and 11-3-18 and handed to Divisional Amm. Dump.
6. Amendments to 2nd Zone positions:-  
E 2 R/C is now I 31 b 2580. This is late K32 spare A. position and is to be erased.
7. Ref. G.R.Os. Nos. 3050, 3204, and 3290.  
18-pdr Shrapnel ammunition with setting correction is now being received.  
The object is to obtain a more accurate and regular time of burning: is ammunition is sorted according to the setting corrections, batteries and groups will receive as far as possible fuzes of the same setting corrections.  
Arrangements will therefore be made for 18-pdr shrapnel to be sorted by each tenth of setting corrections.  
Setting corrections will be found stencilled in 2" figures with letters S.C. on boxes and labels.  
Further information is in Army R.O. 1848.
8. G.R.O. 3549. Chemical shell 4.5 Howitzer, packing of.  
Approval has been given to the following procedure for the issue of 4.5-in Howitzer container types (steel or cast iron) Chemical Shell, being carried out as a temporary measure until arrangements have been completed for the ammunition to be issued fused.  
The Ammunition will continue to be issued in transit boxes holding complete rounds as at present:-  
  1. When No. 44 Fuze is used, the shell will be fitted with the exploder and an adapter, and issued plugged as at present.
  2. When No 10- Fuze is used, the shell will be fitted with the exploder used with the No 44 Fuze, and be issued plugged with the 2-in fuze hole plug without adapter. No additional exploder for use with the 106 Fuze will be issued in the fuze cylinder, as the exploder in the shell is also suitable for this fuze. (34/13 (Q.B.2).)

*H. V. Venn*  
Lieut.-Col.  
O.C. 4th. A.D.A.C;



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4TH. AUST. D. A. C.

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FIELD ORDER NO 31, 14th March 1918.

## 1. Amount of ammunition held in Field is now:-

In the line at or near the Gun 450 18-pdr B.g.: 350 How. p.h.  
 For Corps Line Positions 150 150  
 " " " " Dump Moated Grange 0 1 a 9 2  
 Special shell is extra to the above.  
 Above figures also apply to the "Superimposed Group".

2. Os. C. will show on their State of 17.3.18, the number of 18-pdr rounds in the A. L. Wagons,  
 (a) Without clips. (b) without fuze covers.
3. (G1/284) To prevent the ammunition in "A.L.W.S." sweating from now on, on sunny and dry days the lids will be opened to allow access of air.
4. Capt. Richardson handed over York House Dump to Lt. Florance on 13-3-18 and returned to Section.
5. Lt. Dickensøn will report for duty at York House Dump on 14-3-18.

H.V. Venn Lieut. Colonel.  
 O. C. 4th. A. D. A. C.

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4TH. AUST. D. A. C.

FIELD ORDER NO. 32, 21st March 1918.

## 1. The following changes will take place on 21-3-18 at York House:-

Lt. F. F. Florance will hand over the Dump to Lieut. F. Dickinson, and return to 1K for Duty.

Lt. E. S. Battye will report to Lt. Dickinson for a tour of duty.

1K will relieve 2K on Guard, on usual arrangements.

2. Lieut.-Col. T.I.C. Williams, D.S.O., with 10th A.F.A.Bde H. Q. relieved Lt.-Col. Waite and 11th A.F.A.Bde H.Q. in command of the Superimposed Group at Lock 7 on the 15th inst.

H.V. Venn Lt.-Col.  
 O. C. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.



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4TH AUST. D. A. C. ORDER NO 33. 23-3-18.

Maps 5A and 36 A.

1. Reference BM 688.  
D.A.C. will march to day to MERRIS AREA and take over standings and billets of 1st D. A. C. Headquarters at OUTERSTEENE.
2. Advance Billeting parties of Officers and O/R leave KHQ at 2.45 p.m.
3. Order of March, 1K: 2K: KHQ: 3K.  
Starting point LOCRE VILLAGE.

1K Leave Billets 7.20 p.m. and halt at the Hospice.2K Leave Billets 7.30 p.m. via KHQ - HOSPICE.KHQ leave in rear of 2K 7.40 p.m.SAA Sectn. to form on road, closed up behind KHQ leaving at 7.40 p.m.

All sections on moving forward from LOCRE will open into groups with roads spaces of 25 yds, with 100 yds between Sections.

4. C.O. will ride at head of column, to where reports are to be sent.  
2K and 3K to send mounted messenger to report at head at LOCRE  
No 11 Dental Unit will march with KHQ. Technical Stores with KHQ.  
M.O. at rear of column. Adj. in rear till through NEUVE EGLISE when he will proceed towards head.

(Signed) H. V. Vernon, Lt.-Col.  
O.C. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.



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Copy No. ....

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

23rd March, 1918.

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1. The Superimposed Group (10th and 11th F.A. Brigades) will withdraw from present positions to wagon lines immediately - (during afternoon of 23rd inst.)
2. The 10th and 11th F.A. Brigades and 4th Aust. D.A.C. will hold themselves in readiness to march to MERRIS AREA during afternoon 23rd inst.  
Time will be notified later.
3. Billeting parties will proceed at once, and will take over billets as under from Units of 3rd Aust. Div. Artillery and 1st Aust. D.A.C.  
3rd Aust. Div. Arty will be clear of billets by 8 pm 23rd inst.

10th F.A. Bde. take over billets from 7th F.A. Bde.  
(Headquarters at GRAND SEC BOIS, E.8.D.6.8.  
Sheet 36 A 1/40,000.)

11th F.A. Bde. take over billets from 8th F.A. Bde.  
(Headquarters at S.26.C.3.2. Sheet 28 1/40,000.)

4th D.A.C. from 1st. D.A.C. at OUTERSTRENE.

1st Aust. D.A.C. will send billeting party at once to take over Wagon Lines and billets of 4th Aust. D.A.C. at ALMA and REDAN LINES, at H.23.D. and H.24.D. respectively. (Sheet 28. 1/40,000.)

4. 4th Aust. D.A.C. will notify H.Q. 1st Aust. Div. Arty. of time they leave present wagon line, so that arrangements can be made for 1st Aust. D.A.C. to be clear of OUTERSTRENE before their arrival.
5. It is understood (by verbal message from Corps) that 4th Aust. Div. Arty. will march from MERRIS AREA tomorrow 24th inst.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE (10th, 11th Bdes, 1st D.A.C. & 4th D.A.C. by wire).

*Distribution*  
P.T.O.

*C. H. J.*  
a/cde. Major., 1st. Aust. Div. Arty. Captain.



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## DISTRIBUTION.

10th F.A. Brigade.	Copy No. 1.
11th F.A. Brigade.	2.
4th Aust. D.A.C.	3. ✓
1st Aust. D.A.C.	4.
4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.	5.
1st Aust. Division.	6.
H. Aust. Corps.	7.
1st F.A. Brigade.	8.
2nd F.A. Brigade.	9.
5th Aust. D.A.H.Q.	10.
37th Aust. D.A.H.Q.	11.
H.A. Aust. Corps.	12.
S.S.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	13.
C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div.	14.
Staff Captain, 1st. Aust. Div. Art.	15.
Reconnaissance Officer " "	16.
Commandant, LEKRIS Area.	17.
Commandant, LA CLYTTE Area.	18.
D.T.M.O. 1st. Aust. Div.	19.
Commandant, RIDGEWOOD Area.	20.
" " LOCRE Area.	21.
" " DEZON Area.	22.
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## FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

COPY NO....

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ORDER No. 120

Reference Map HAZEBROUCK 5 A.

HEADQUARTERS,  
23rd March 1918.

The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will march to Wagon Lines vacated by 1st and 3rd Aust. D.A. in MERRIS Area on the 23rd March 1918, as follows :-

Unit	Location in MERRIS Area.	Unit Vacating
<u>4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.</u>	STRAZEELE	3rd Aust. D.A.H.Q.
<u>10th Aust. F.A.Bde.</u>		
Headquarters	Gd. SEC BOIS	7th Aust. F.A. Bde.
37th Battery	200 yds. N. of 1st "S" in Gd. SEC BOIS	25th Battery.
38th Battery	700 yds. N.N.E. of "V" of VIEUX BERQUIN	26th Battery.
39th Battery	400 yds. S. of 1st "S" of PETIT SEC BOIS.	27th Battery.
110th How. "	Em. 500 yds. S. of "N" in SOUVERION.	107th How. "
<u>11th Aust. F.A.Bde.</u>		
Headquarters	700 yds S. of BAILLEUL Station	8th Aust. F.A. Bde.
41st Battery	800 yds. S of "S" of BAILLEUL STATION	29th Battery
42nd Battery	700 yds. S. of last "L" of BAILLEUL Station.	30th Battery.
43rd Battery	BAILLEUL - VIEUX BERQUIN Road, 1 1/4 miles from BAILLEUL Square.	31st Battery.
111th How. "	200 yds. W. of 42nd Battery.	108th How. "
<u>4th Aust. D.A.C.</u>		
Headquarters	OUTERSTEENE	1st Aust. D.A.C..
No. 1 Section	1 mile S. of "N" of METEREN.	No. 1 Section.
No. 2 Section	1 mile E.S.E. of 1st "T" of 1/4 mile N of N in NOOTE BOOM	No. 2 Section.
S.A.A. Section	OUTERSTEENE. With D.A.C. H.Q..	S.A.A. Section.
<u>4th Aust. D.T.M. Btys.</u>		
	Remain in present billets.	
<u>14th A.A.S.C..</u>	LA GRECHE standing 1 1/4 miles N. of STEENWERCK.	

1st and 3rd Aust. Div. Artilleries are under orders to be clear of MERRIS Area by 6 p.m.

ROUTE.....



ORDER NO. 120 (Continued)

1 Contd.

ROUTE.

NEUVE EGLISE - Junction of NEUVE EGLISE - STEENWERCK and  
ARMENTIERES - BAILLEUL Road - LE LEUTHE - Level Crossing  
thence S.W. to NOOTE BOOM - VIEUX BERQUIN.

STARTING  
POINT.

Junction KEMMEL - NEUVE EGLISE and DRANCUTRE - NEUVE  
EGLISE Roads at NEUVE EGLISE.

TIMES

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade	--	Pass	Start. point	8 p.m..
4th Aust. D.A.C..	--	"	"	9 p.m..
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade	--	"	"	10 p.m..

DISTANCES

Minimum of 500 yards will be maintained between  
Brigades and D.A.C..

Between Btys. -- 100 yards.  
Section D.A.C.. -- 100 "  
Each Section of 6 vehicles -- 25 yards.

3. Baggage wagons have been ordered to report to Units at present wagon lines.
4. Advanced parties have been ordered to proceed to MERRIS Area.
5. Rations for consumption on 25th will probably be drawn at LA CRECHE. Further orders will be issued later.
6. Units will be prepared for a further march on the 24th instant.
7. A Staff Officer 4th Aust. D.A. will be present at Starting Point.
8. This Office will close at N 20 c at 7 p.m. 23/2/1918 and re-open on arrival at STRAZEELE.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

DISTRIBUTION.

- |          |   |    |                     |
|----------|---|----|---------------------|
| 1        | - | 5  | 10th Bde..          |
| 6        | - | 10 | 11th "              |
| 12       | - | 15 | D.A.C..             |
|          |   | 16 | D.T.M.O..           |
|          |   | 17 | 14th Coy. A.A.S.C.. |
| for inf. |   |    |                     |
|          |   | 18 | S.S.O., Div..       |
|          |   | 19 | AUST. Corps "Q"     |
|          |   | 20 | R.A. Corps.         |
|          |   | 21 | Div. "G"            |
|          |   | 22 | D.A.D.O.S..         |
|          |   | 23 | A.D.V.S..           |
|          |   | 24 | A.D.M.S.,           |
|          |   | 25 | 1st Aust. D.A..     |

*W. Harpash*  
Major,  
for Brigade-Major,  
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY, COPY NO. ....

SECRET

ORDER No. 121

HEADQUARTERS,  
24th March 1918.

Reference Map SHEET HAZEBROUCK 5A.

- 1. The 4th Aust. Div. Artillery will move to BUSNES Area via HAVERSKERQUE on the 24th and 25th March in accordance with MARCH TABLE attached. Orders for the move of the 4th Aust. M.T.M. Batteries will be issued later.
- 2. Distances will be maintained as per 4th Aust. D.A. ORDER No. 120.
- 3. BILLETING PARTIES :-

Billeting Parties, mounted and carrying one day's rations and forage, to report as follows :-

Date	To whom	Place	Time	Strength.
24/3/18	Capt. SMART, M.C. <i>a/c Hely</i>	Town Major's Office BUSNES	1 p.m.	1 Off. per Bde. and D.A.C..
24/3/18	Lieut. FERGUSSON <i>Lt Cramp 10/12/18</i>	VIEUX BERQUIN	11 a.m.	1 Off. per Bde. & D.A.C.. 1 N.C.O. & 10 R. per H.Q., Bty. & Sec. D.A.C..
25/3/18.	Officers representing Bdes. & D.A.C.	Town Major's Office, BUSNES.	10 a.m.	1 N.C.O. & 1 O.R. per H.Q. and Bty. & Sec. D.A.C..

4. Rations will be drawn at HAVERSKERQUE on 24/3/18 for consumption on 25/3/18 and at BUSNES on 25th for consumption on 26th. This cancels previous orders regarding rations to be drawn in MERRIS Area.

5. This Office will close at STRAZEELE at 9 a.m., 25/3/18 and re-open on arrival in BUSNES Area.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
for Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.



# MARCH TABLE

Date	Unit	Starting Point	Pass at	Route	Final Destination	Remarks
24/3/1918	10th Bde.	Road Jun. 1st L in LE TIR ANGLAISE	2 p.m..	N.W. to Road Jun. 1/2 mile S. of HAZELROUCK thence via MOREBECQUE and along HAVERSKERQUE Rd. through Foret de NIEPPE.	HAVERSKERQUE Area.	
24/3/18	11th Bde.	LA COURANNE	2.45 p.m.	NEUF BERQUIN - MERVILLE - Along Road on N. side of Canal.	do.	MERVILLE not to be entered before 4 p.m..
	D.A.C.	do	3.30	do.	do.	do.
25/3/18	10th Brigade	E in HAVERSKERQUE	9.30 a.m.	ST VERANT	BUSNES Area	
do.	11th Bde.	do.	10.15 a.m.	do.	do.	
do.	D.A.C.	do.	11 a.m.	do.	do.	



Secret.4<sup>th</sup> Aust Dac Order No. 1References 5A and 36<sup>A</sup>.

- (1) Reference D.V. ORDER 102 and 4<sup>th</sup> D.A. Order 171,  
D.A. resume march to HAVERSKERQUE AREA on  
24<sup>th</sup> + BUSNES on 25<sup>th</sup> march.
- (2) For 24<sup>th</sup> Order of March :- 1K, 2K, KHQ, 3K.  
S.P. LA COURONNE 3.30 P.M.  
Substarting point:- Road Junction  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile  
North of 'N' of VIEUX BERQUIN, MAP 5A
- (3) 1K will leave billets at 2.20 p.m. + march  
via OUTERSTEENE - VIEUX BERQUIN Road - BLEU  
and halt at LA. COURONNE, passing same  
at 3.30 p.m.
- 2K leave Billets at 2.30 p.m. marching  
via NOOTE BOOM + R d.w. Leef waiting  
in rear of 1K near BLEU
- KHQ will leave billets at 2.50 p.m. +  
march as for 1K.
- 3K. will leave billets at 3.0 p.m. + march  
as for 1K.
- (4) C.O. at head of Column: Reports to go then  
no 2 + no 3 Sections will have a messenger  
each at BLEU to ride at head of Column  
mid off. in rear of 3K. Adpt. in rear  
on leaving, to catch head of Column  
after passing MERVILLE.
- (5) Distances - Distances between Sections,  
Groups, Subsections + vehicles must be  
maintained as laid down. Orders to be  
read to all ranks.
- (6) RATIONS - Attention is drawn to para 4  
DA Order No. 1. Supplies

D. Greening

24/3/18 Agt. D.A.C.



4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC Order No 2.

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24.3.18

Reference Map 5A

- (1) Reference D.A Order 121. Head of Column on 25<sup>th</sup> will pass E of HAVERSKERQUE at 11 am.
- (2) Order of March & Hour of leaving Billeb :-
 

2K	at 10.25 am
1K	at 10.35 am
KHQ	at 10.50 am
3K	at 10.40 am
- (3) Reports to C.O. at head of Column. 1K and 3K to provide a messenger each to report there at 10.25 am. Adjutant in rear till clearing ST. VENANT. M.O. in rear of Column.
- (4) Billebing Officers leave DAC Hqhs at 9 am
- (5) LENS II. maps to be unpacked at BUSNES & issued or held for instant issue
- (6) Attention is drawn to DA order No. 121 para 4. (Supplies).

J. Gibson Capt  
24/3/18. Asst. Lt. DAC



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SECRET.      FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.      Copy No.  
Order No. 122.

Ref. Sheets.  
HAZEBROUCK 5A and LENS.  
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Headquarters,  
25th March, 1918.

- 1. Cancel 4th Aust. D.A. Order No. 121.
- 2. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will march today the 25th, from HAVERSKERQUE to HOUDAIN Area.

Unit.	Starting Pt.	March Table pass At.	Route	Final Destination
10th Bde. E. in HAVERSKERQUE	9-30 a.m.	St. MENANT ROBECQUE - GONNEHEM CHOCQUES - LABEURRIERE HESDIGNEUL - BRUAY.	HOUDAIN area	
11th Bde.	do.	10-15 a.m.	Do.	Do.
D.A.C.	do.	11-00 a.m.	do.	do.

- 3. Distances will be maintained as per 4th Aust.D.A. Order No. 120, para-4.
- 4. Billeting parties, mounted and carrying one day's rations and forage to report at Town Major's Office, HOUDAIN, at 1-30 p.m. on 25th.
- 5. Units will be notified later where to draw rations for consumption on 26th.
- 6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Mateignus*  
Lieut.,  
A/Staff Captain,  
for Brigade Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.  
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO. 3

ORDER NO. 122.

SECRET.

HEADQUARTERS,  
25th March 1918.

REFERENCE Sheets 5A and 11 100,000

1. Reference Order No. 121 - DELETE all reference to the move of March 25th.
2. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will move on March 25th from HAVERSQUERQUE Area to HOUDAIN Area ( LENS Sheet 11).
3. Billetting Officers and Staff Captain will be taken by Motor transport to HOUDAIN and report to Town Major for Billets. Billetting parties of Units will report to Town Major's Office HOUDAIN as soon as possible after 10 a.m. 25th and await orders from Billetting Officers.
4. This Office will close at 9 a.m. at STRAZEELE on 25th and will re-open at HOUDAIN on arrival.
5. 7th and 8th T.M. Batteries will move to HOUDAIN under arrangements made between 4th Australian Division "Q" and the D.T.M.O.
6. The move will be continued into the IIIrd Army Area on the 26th.
7. Starting point and times for march on 25th will be as follows :-  

10th F.A. Brigade	-	E in HAVERSQUERQUE	9.30 a.m.
11th F.A. Brigade	-	"	10.15 a.m.
4th D.A. Column	-	"	11 a.m.

ROUTE -

ROBECQ - CHOCQUES - LABEUVRIE - HESDIGNEUL and BRUAY ( LENS Sheet 11). 14th A.A.S.C. Coy via BUSNES.

8. Town Major BUSNES has been asked to advise Billetting Officers of alterations.
9. Rations for consumption 26th will be drawn at BUSNES and will be carried in supply wagons of 14th Coy. A.A.S.C. to HOUDAIN. Supply arrangements and refilling point on 26th will be notified later.
10. Brigade and D.A.C. Commanders will use their discretion regarding a mid-day halt for their Units. Such halts must be clear of the road.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE

Issued at 2 a.m.

Major,  
for Brigade Major,  
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.

P.T.O.



Distribution -

1. 10th A.F.A. Brigade
2. 11th A.F.A. Brigade
3. 4th A.D.A. Column
4. 4th D.T.M.O.
5. 14th Coy. A.A.S.C.

Copies to--

6. 4th Aust. Div. "G"
7. 4th Aust. Div. "Q"
8. D.A.D.O.S.
9. A.D.M.S.
10. 4th Aust. Div. Train.
11. C.R.A.
12. B.M.
13. S.C.
- 14-17. War Diary.
- 18-20. Spare.



At ..... m. Service. Date  
To ..... From .....  
By ..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By .....

TO {  
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Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
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11<sup>th</sup> Bus BA will be at  
BASSEUX and Remainder of  
11<sup>th</sup> Bus BA will be held ready  
to move at SAULTY and  
acknowledge and Bactions  
taken up by 11<sup>th</sup> Bde and DAC  
will be reported to this office

From 4<sup>th</sup> Bus BA  
Place  
Time 2:15 pm

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10<sup>th</sup> Bus BA Bde  
4<sup>th</sup> Bus BAC

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
\* BM 1 26

4<sup>th</sup> Bus Inf Bde has been ordered  
to retake HEBUTERNE <sup>partially</sup> and then  
push on to line BAC QUAY - POSIEUX  
AU MONT and last place are  
believed weakly held by enemy  
and our infantry are holding  
CHATEAU de la HAIE and 11<sup>th</sup> Bus  
BA Bde will be attached for this  
operation to 4<sup>th</sup> Bus Inf Bde and  
O/C will report to GOC 4<sup>th</sup> Bus Inf  
Bde at SAULTY for orders at once  
4<sup>th</sup> Bus BAC will detach lumbered  
Gun Wagon of the No. 1 or No. 2  
Section under orders of 11<sup>th</sup> Bus BA  
Bde and will arrange with 4<sup>th</sup> Bus  
Inf Bde for a refilling point of  
SAULTY Infantry Bde actions and

From  
Place  
Time

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4<sup>th</sup> Aug DAE

DA one at  
BAVIN COURT.

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(K.V.S.)

O/C. 3K

4<sup>th</sup> A.I.B. has been ordered  
to retake HEBUTERNE forthwith  
and push on BUCQUOY - POISIEUX-  
CU-MONT. and G.O.C. 4<sup>th</sup> A.I.B.  
has H.Q. at SAULTY and you  
will report there at once and  
ask for orders as to a re-  
filling point, informing the  
of your 860 thousand lbs  
and the position of your wagon  
VIZ East of SAULTY

A. Darnley Lt  
for 860 4<sup>th</sup> ADAC

7.10 pm  
26/3/18



4.40 pm

26-3-18

CO

4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC

All previous bulleting  
 orders are cancelled  
 you will carry out BM  
 2 enclosed and get  
 into touch immediately  
 with CO 11<sup>th</sup> Aust FA  
 Brigade who is coming  
 into action between  
 SOUASTRE and BIENVILLERS  
 -AU-BOIS

J. H. H. H. H.

BM 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DA



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TO {			
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be placed in action  
but all preparation was  
made to put  
them in action. Belton  
with Bonneau in vicinity  
of position selected and  
SAULTY was acknowledged  
and address 10th 13th  
AFA 4th 4th 2nd 2nd  
repeated 11th AFA Ade  
less section with 11th AFA Ade

From	4 Ave 8A
Place	
Time	2:55pm

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TO {	10th 13th 4th Ave 8A
	11th AFA Ade

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10th AFA 13th will  
take up position in  
readiness in the  
vicinity of line LA CAUCHIE  
- LA BAZAQUE  
Covering approached from  
SOVASTRE and HENESAMP  
and fine with not

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No 0 - Apc  
 The following are  
 the names of the  
 soldiers who were  
 killed in action  
 on 14.12.1914  
 at the battle of  
 the Bullecourt  
 in the 1st  
 Division  
 of the  
 Australian  
 Imperial  
 Force  
 who were  
 killed in  
 action  
 on 14.12.1914  
 at the battle of  
 the Bullecourt  
 in the 1st  
 Division  
 of the  
 Australian  
 Imperial  
 Force

24  
 382  
 380  
 380  
 382  
 762



(KV)

OC MK

26/3/18

Get into trench immediately  
with acting CO 11<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde  
who is coming into action  
between SOUASTRE and  
BIENVILLERS - AUBOIS  
and all building orders are  
cancelled and you will take  
charge of your own Section  
and separate your H&Wagons  
from G.S. Wagons which must  
obtain ammunition by taking  
every possible opportunity and  
D.A.C. less your Section will  
move towards SAULTY and  
my office will be there near  
church.

5.15 pm

Plenum  
approved

(KV2)

OC 1 K.  
10<sup>th</sup> AFA Bde is taking up  
a position in readiness in the  
vicinity of LA CAUCHIE  
- LA BAZ EQUE coming  
approaches from SOUASTRE  
and HEIVE SCAMP and  
Batter, Bouncing there and  
be prepared to deliver them  
ammunition and for Boxes  
ammunition to be brought up to  
strengthen by taking all opportunities  
of searching for same and  
my headquarters near church  
SAULTY and

26/3/18

5.24 pm

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approved



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820ms

Send Technical Store  
 wagons of 1R and 2K to  
 their sections at once and  
 95 wagon from 2K to 4 unit  
 to enter at once

24/2/18

5.25pm

J. L. L. L. L.  
 apr. 1918



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At ..... m. From .....  
To ..... By .....  
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TO {  
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\* .....

Suppressed vigorously by  
all banks are covered  
have occurred in which  
a new dressed as  
a Brig general has  
been riding for the  
removal of guns to  
area all tanks are  
to be warned to  
verify source of orders  
received where doubt could  
possibly exist as to  
the 4th attached Corps

From 4 Cms Det ant  
Place  
Time

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To ..... By .....  
(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {  
10th Div 11th Bde 4th Am Div  
DTMO

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. A A A  
\* BM 3 27th

Enemy in reported in  
HEBUTERNE and 62nd  
and 42nd Div are  
holding line PUISIEUX - BULQUAY  
- ABLAINZEVILLE 62nd  
on light area Between  
PUISIEUX and HAMEL there is  
a gap which the  
N2 Div will fill  
as they have now  
4 Bns in position  
behind this gap as  
the situation is steadily  
well in hand and  
Enemy agents are spreading  
false rumors amongst troops  
and there will be

From  
Place  
Time

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At .....		To .....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	By .....
TO {				
Sender's Number.		Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	A A A
* 10th 11th 4th	26 27th			
4th has under two orders A 7-A it office are B de SAULTY of Section he operation aa 10th	aus now orders for issued to see BM I cancelled aa with aa DAC with aa address 11th and 4th	inf been operation aa support King of aa remain Ambassador Section and also for acknowledged 11th and 4th	B de placed 62nd aaa 11th Support King 27th 11th in Section SAA not He	
From	Place	Time		
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7.15 pm  
76/3/15  
Hd Laver/L  
for 6/04<sup>th</sup> ADAC



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Handwritten notes on a piece of graph paper, including the date 2/10/18.







SECRET.ORDER NO. 123

APPENDIX

REFERENCE Sheet 11.HEADQUARTERS,  
25th March 1918.

1. The 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will move on 26th March from HOUDAIN Area to BASSEUX Area.

The 7th and 8th Aust. Medium Trench Mortar Batteries will embus and move from their Billets at 9 a.m..

2. BILLETING PARTIES.

One Staff Officer from 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. and 1 Officer per Brigade and D.A.C. will report to D.T.H.Q. at BEUGIN at 8.30 a.m. for conveyance to BASSEUX for Billeting purposes. 1 N.C.O. and 1 O.R. per Battery and Section D.A.C. will report to 4th Aust. D.A. Staff Officer at Town Major's Office, BASSEUX at 12.30 p.m., 26th instant.

3. STARTING POINT and TIMES for march will be as follows :-

11th Aust. F.A. Bde.	--	Cross Roads at first "A" in BARAFFIE	9.30 a.m..
10th Aust. F.A. Bde.	--	" " " " "	10 a.m..
4th Aust. D.A.C.	--	" " " " "	10.30 a.m..
14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	--	" " " " "	10.45 a.m..

4. ROUTE.

REBREUVE - HERMIN - CAUCOURT - AUBIGNY -  
HERMAVILLE - FABASCOQ - WANQUETIN - BAUMETZ.

5. RATIONS for consumption on 27th will be drawn at BASSEUX.

6. E.A.T.

In addition to the hourly halts ordered by 4th Australian Division STANDING ORDERS, there will be a halt from 11.50 a.m. to 12.20 p.m..

7. DISTANCES as per 4th Aust. D.A. ORDER 12D will be maintained.

8. SYNCHRONISATION.

One Officer from Headquarters 10th and 11th Brigades, D.A.C. and Trench mortars will report to 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. at 7 p.m. to-night for purpose of synchronising watches.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

*W. J. Laffair*  
Major,

for Brigade-Major,

DISTRIBUTION.

4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

1 - 5 10th Aust. F.A. Bde..  
6 - 10 11th " " "  
11 - 14 4th Aust. D.A.C..  
15 4th Aust. D.T.H.Q..  
16 14th Coy., A.A.S.C..  
for inf.

Issued at 4.15 p.m..

17 4th Aust. Div. "C"	23 File
18 4th Aust. Div. "Q"	26 Diary
19 D.A.D.O.S..	27 Spare.
20 A.D.H.S..	
21 A.D.V.S..	24
22 Div. Train.	



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Secret.

Issued to APPENDIX 34

4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC Order No 3

25.3.18.

Map LENS II

- (1) Herewith D.A. order 123 for March of 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Note route: Rations (para 5): Halt (para 6)  
which will be done independently by  
each group, starting again punctually.
- (2) Order of March as 24<sup>th</sup> viz:- 2K. 1K.  
KHQ. 3K. CO will lead out on  
REBREUVE Road at 10 am.
- (3) CO and Adj. will ride at head. Med.  
Off. in rear of column. A KHQ, 1K  
& 3K messengers to report to CO at  
10 am.
- (4) all Officers will meet CO at 9.45 am  
at Wagon Park. Lt Davey will act  
on Hqts till further notice, & on 26<sup>th</sup>  
will assist. O.P. 3K, riding in rear of  
Column. Synchronization at 9.45 am  
at Wagon Park. ~~But Davey will~~  
~~act~~
- (5) Billiting Officer to be Lt Battye. The  
Billiting 3 NCOs + 3 OPR will report to RSM  
at 8.55 am at Wagon Park. Any late  
will be punished. RSM will proceed  
in charge and report to TOWN MAYOR'S  
office BASSEUX
- (6) Drivers must be told they should  
water before feeding at their midday  
halt.

25/3/18 Fleeson Capt  
adj. DAC



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY COPY NO.....

ORDER NO. 124.

Headquarters,  
26th March 1918.

Reference Sheets 11 and 17.

1. 4th Australian Divisional Artillery and 4th Aust. Div. Mobile Section will march to-morrow 27th instant to ACHEUX LEALVILLERS - VARENNES Area. (LENS Sheet 11 Square 6 G ).
2. Brigades will be prepared to go into action on the 27th instant.
3. 12th and 13th Infantry Brigades are marching to same Area to-night.
4. Div. H.Qrs and D.A.H.Q. will be at BAIZIEUX (AMIENS Sheet 17 Square 1 G ).
5. Route for move - 11th Aust. F.A. Bde and 4th Aust. D.A.C.,  
GAUDIEMPRE - - SOUASTRE - COIGNEUX - BERTRANCOURT  
10th Aust. F.A. Brigade POMMIER - ST. AMAND - SOUASTRE -  
COIGNLUX - BERTRANCOURT.  
14th Coy. A.A.S.C. - As for 10th Aust. F.A. Bde.  
Mob. Vet. Section - HUNTER CAMP - SOUASTRE - BERTRANCOURT.
6. Starting point and times :-  
11th A.F.A. Bde - Cross-roads HUNTER CAMP 7 a.m.  
10th A.F.A. Bde - Cross-roads POMMIER 7.25 a.m.  
4th A.D.A. Cln - As for 11th Aust. F.A. Bde 8 a.m.  
14th Coy. A.A.S.C. - " " " 8.30 a.m.  
Mob. Vet. Sect. - " " " 8.45 a.m.  
  
Order of march :-  
11th Brigade, 10th Brigade, 4th D.A.C., 14th Coy. A.S.C.,  
Mob. Vet. Section.
7. Each Brigade will send an Officers patrol of one Officer and 5 men along the road BIENVILLERS AU BOIS - CHAU DE LA HAIE - SAILLY AU BOIS and rejoin Unit unless required further and will watch the Left Flank of the Div. Artillery.
8. Distances of 500 yards will be maintained between the Brigades and D.A.C. and 100 yards between Batteries and Sections D.A.C.
9. T.Ms in lorries will move via SOMBRIN - HUNTERCOURT - MONDICOURT - PAS - THIEVRES and will park at CHEUX and await orders.
10. Railhead for 27th will be at WARINCOURT. Arrangements are being made to deliver to Units by Motor Transport.
11. The C.R.A. will be at the head of the Column where all reports will be sent.
12. ACKNOWLEDGE

*H. J. Haigh*  
Major,  
for Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Div. Artillery.

All Batteries, Sections D.A.C. and other Units will send one mounted orderly to report to 11th Bde H.Qrs at their Starting point. These orderlies will march with 11th Bde H.Qrs.



1 Subject 6x76 486  
+ 432  
3 164  
600  
Per Bty



Sent  
At ..... m. Service. Date.....  
To..... From.....  
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { 10<sup>th</sup> Bde. 11<sup>th</sup> Bde  
4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC 14<sup>th</sup> Coy ASC  
Mob. vet. sec.

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA  
\* X1 27<sup>th</sup>

In default of other orders  
from the C.R.A. units will  
proceed as follows and park  
and await orders ready to  
move at 30 minutes notice.

10<sup>th</sup> Bde 4 ealvillers.  
11<sup>th</sup> Bde VARENNES  
4 DAC 14<sup>th</sup> Coy ASC and  
Mob. vet. sec. ACHFEUX

From 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC  
Place Achense  
Time 10.30 am

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By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.") By.....

TO { All Battered  
DAC.

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\* K24 27

The present situation AAA line  
drops held from MERICOURT along  
rail to BERNANCOURT-ALBERT  
South of MERICOURT along road  
to SAILLY-LE-SEC The 4<sup>th</sup> Aust  
Dwl. Art. will probably be  
superintended over the post  
occupied by 21<sup>st</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Divs in  
MERICOURT (exclusive) to BERNANCOURT  
(inclusive)

The 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Aust As Bdes will  
move to a position in readiness  
between HENENCOURT and WARLOY  
AAA Bty. 1<sup>st</sup> line will be at  
WARLOY AAA T.A.C. will be at  
WARLOY, DAHA at BAIZIEUX

From  
Place  
Time

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To.....	By.....
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {			
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\* If guns are ordered into action 10th Bde will be on left 11th Bde on Right CRH 21st + 35th Divs is at HENENCOURT Chateau

Orders regarding refuelling and ammunition for the front will be issued later

Issued at 3 PM

1305 4th Bde 1st Bde

From	
Place	
Time	

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To.....	To.....	By.....	By.....
By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

TO {			
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\* 192 27.3.18

March at once through ACHÉUX  
 and your AL Wagons will follow.  
 Technical Store Wagon of 2K which  
 is following in rear of 2K AL Wagons  
 and GS Wagons will follow in rear  
 of 2K GS Wagons which will march  
 in rear of your Technical Store Wagon  
 and Technical Store Wagon of your  
 Section will follow in rear of your  
 AL Wagons and GS Wagons will refill  
 with ammunition at ACHÉUX Station  
 where Mr DAVEY will meet your  
 wagons and pass through VARENNES  
 and proceed to WHARLOY via  
 ROAD running due SOUTH of V  
 in VARENNES

From	3.40pm
Place	
Time	

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At ..... m.		Service	
To .....		From .....	
By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO { O.C 2K. (Saa Section) }

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
*K93	27.3.18		

Half an hour after 1K12K  
 clear present Riverine for  
 will march with your Section  
 to WARLOY via ACHEUX  
 VARENNES

3.59pm

From	
Place	
Time	

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To .....		From .....	
By .....		(Signature of "Franking Officer")	

TO { O.C 2K. }

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
*K91	27.3.18		

March at once. Through  
 ACHEUX and ALWAGNOS leading  
 followed by ALWAGNOS of 1K and  
 18 Swagons followed 1K and ALWAGNOS  
 and 9 Swagons full with Ammunition  
 at ACHEUX Station where R. DAVEY  
 will meet you and Pass through  
 VARENNES and Technical Stone  
 Wagons follow in rear of you  
 then ALWAGNOS and from  
 VARENNES you will proceed  
 to WARLOY via VARENNES -  
 WARLOY

3.35pm

From	
Place	
Time	

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Opc 4<sup>th</sup> 1K KV7 (KVR was similar to 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
 Our troops hold  
 from MERRICOURT to ALBERT  
 and 4<sup>th</sup> PA will probably be  
 superimposed over front  
 occupied by 21<sup>st</sup> & 35<sup>th</sup> Divs.  
 I.E. MERRICOURT to DERNANCOURT  
 and 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Bds are in  
 a position of readiness between  
 WARLOY and HENENCOURT  
 and. Send 5 mounted messengers  
 carefully picked for intelligence  
 to 10<sup>th</sup> Bde. who are on the  
 LEFT. and Transfer Technical.  
 G.S.W. to K.H.S. and  
 Advance to WARLOY on the  
 road under A in VARENNES  
 to R in WARLOY where I shall  
 locate a bivouac and  
 Bde's ammunition to be drawn  
 at ACHÉUX Station and  
 Steel helmets to be worn by  
 all ranks. and Signed  
 3.30pm 27<sup>th</sup> Dec.

(KV9)  
 Opc 3K. 21<sup>st</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Divs.  
 and possibly 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Aust  
 later cover the front  
 MERRICOURT to DERNANCOURT  
 and D.H.Q. + D.F.H.Q. at BAZIEUX  
 and 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Bds before WARLOY  
 in front of WARLOY and  
 D.A.C. in WARLOY to NORTH of  
 same. and March by the  
 road from VARENNES  
 but halt no further forward  
 than the E in HARPOVILLE  
 for further orders as to bivouacking  
 there. and  
 Steel helmets to be  
 ready to be worn by all  
 ranks and  
 Prepare for reading guides  
 to Inf. Bds.

H.V. Venner  
 Lt Col

3.30pm 27<sup>th</sup>.



## APPENDIX.

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

COPY NO. ....

SECRET.

ORDER No. 125

HEADQUARTERS,  
27th March 1918.Reference Sheet 17 and 11, 1/100000 and ALBERT 1/40,000.

1. 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade will be put into action on the 27th instant covering the front DERNANCOURT - ALBERT under the orders of the C.R.A. 9th Division to whom Brigade Commanders have been ordered to report.
2. The Brigades will be organised as one Group of two sub-Groups each consisting of one F.A. Brigade. The Group will be Commanded by Lieut.-Colonel T.I.C. WILLIAMS, D.S.O. who will in addition command his own Brigade Sub-Group.
3. Group Headquarters will be established in the vicinity of Infantry Brigade Headquarters near LAVIELLE, D 10 b 1 3.
4. The 12th Aust. Inf. Brigade is relieving the 9th Division to-night in the front line.
5. C.R.A. 9th Division is changing his Headquarters to BAIZIEUX on completion of the relief of the Infantry.
6. Wagon Lines will be arranged as follows :-

11th Aust. F.A. Brigade	--	ERECHENCOURT.
10th Aust. F.A. Brigade	--	BEHENCOURT.
4th Aust. D.A.C. and 4th Aust. T.M. Btys.)	--	BAVELINCOURT.

Moves to these wagon lines will take place before 10 a.m., 28th.. Gun teams of all Batteries and gun limbers will remain in forward wagon lines between WARLOY and HENENCOURT.

7. Refilling Point for supplies BAVELINCOURT.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE on envelope.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
for Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

1	-	5	10th Aust. F.A. Bde..
6	-	10	11th " " "
11	-	14	4th Aust. D.A.C..
		15	4th Aust. D.T.M.O..
	(	16	4th Aust. Div..
for inf.	(	17	9th D.A..
	(	18	R.A., 7th Corps.
		19	4th Aust. Div. Train.
		20	File
21	-	23	Diary.

Issued at 6.20 p.m..

1H 9.0  
2H 9.30  
3H 9.30



4<sup>th</sup> Aust D.A.C Order No. 4  
27. 3. 18.

1. In accordance with D.A. Order No 125, the DV ARTY. & 12<sup>th</sup> I. Bde. move tonight into front line.
2. No. 2 Sect. at AERODROME, N of WARLOY has 5 guides with 11<sup>th</sup> Bde. on right of line: & No. 1. Section near MILL, N of WARLOY has 5 guides with 10<sup>th</sup> Bde. on left of line. No. 3 Section is  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of No. 1: & Hqrs is at AERODROME.
3. Artillery Echelons are full.
4. D.A.C. will move in following order to BAVELINCOURT on 28<sup>th</sup> :-  
KHQ, Adpt, & C.O. will leave Aerodrome 8.45 am

1K will leave camp 9.0 am

2K " " " 9.20 "

3K " " " 9.30 "

all will march via WARLOY-CONTAY-AGENICOURT with normal interpaces, except that distances between sections will be minimum 400 yds but otherwise to suit the hours above & the traffic

5. Formation of 1K + 2K will be:- all G's wagons in groups leading: all AL wagons in the rear groups, under an officer 3K normal formation
6. One N.C.O from each section to report to Adpt passing through WARLOY, who will act as guide to bivouacs
7. Technical store concentration will leave 1K billets at 8.40 & report to Adpt. vicinity WARLOY en route.
8. Med. Officer will march with KHQ
9. all ranks will wear steel helmets on the march, & whenever out of bivouacs. Field dressing inspections will take place before the march & a roll of names of all ranks without them will be submitted to KHQ by 2. pm. & the reasons why they are not carried.
10. WHIPPET, TANKS will be employed by us on the front. all concerned are to be warned of this to avoid mistaking for enemy armoured cars

27-3-18 *General*  
Adpt & D.A.C



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY. COPY NO.!!!

SECRET.

INSTRUCTION NO. 39

HEADQUARTERS,  
28th March 1918.

1. ORDERLIES.

Two mounted orderlies per Brigade and D.A.C. with 48 hours' rations and forage will report to 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q. on morning of 28th instant. These orderlies will remain with 4th Aust. D.A.H.Q.. Two orderlies from 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade sub-Group will be held at 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade. D.A.C. will provide orderlies to report to Batteries and Reserve Infantry Brigade S.A. Section.

2. F.O.Os.

One Officer per Brigade will be detailed as F.O.O. and to do Liaison duty with Infantry Company Commanders. These Officers will carry visual signal equipment, including Lucas Lamp. Group Visual Receiving Stations will be established at convenient places.

3. RIFLES AND LEWIS GUNS.

24 rifles and two Lewis Guns per Battery will be kept at Battery positions.

4. FUZE LENGTHS.

B.Cs. should be reminded that the gun detachments must know fuze lengths for ranges not shown on the bar indicator.

5. FORWARD WAGON LINES.

At forward Wagon Lines teams are to be kept harnessed up and hooked in and at least one man per team to be standing to. One third of team at a time may have the harness removed for grooming purposes.

6. POSSIBLE ENFORCED WITHDRAWAL.

In the event of an enforced withdrawal, 1 Section per Battery will always cover the retirement of the remainder of Battery and then be withdrawn afterwards.

Major,  
for Brigade-Major  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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(4) If ammunition is available 200 rounds per gun or there are to be supplied at or near guns and sections to be filled.

(5) Timbered Ammunition Wagons of D.A.C. will take their turn with firing battery and put four wagons in supplying amm to Battery positions. Battery Capt will make necessary arrangements with their affiliated sections of D.A.C.

(6) Refilling point at WARDIV will be on wheels and amm will be taken delivery off lorries. Lorries will be at West end of WARDIV.

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Time	6.30
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(1) Reference 4th Aust. D.A. Order 125

(2) Ammunition refilling point for gun and their amm will be at WARDIV. (3) Ammun returns for period 10 am to 10 am will be rendered by groups and D.A.C. to reach D.A.H.Q. by 12 noon. This return will show (enforced - return) (accepts), (and on hand) by Battery and sections D.A.C. A and AX, BX and CX with 106 pages to be shown separately. In addition groups will arrive WARDIV 10 am to 6 pm to reach D.A.H.Q. by 6.30 pm for.

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To.....		By.....	
TO { 4th Aust DAC OC ARP Contain		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* SC 546	29th		
ARP for to-morrow will be CONTAY railway station for 4th Aust DA			
9th DA			
51st Bde			
150 Bde			
Lieut BATTYE will remain in charge of the <del>cont</del> ARP			
Lieut BATTYE will report to this office by 2 pm daily			
nos of rounds issued to units acc. If ammo is not available <del>or</del> BATTYE will fulfil demands			
Lt BATTYE will wire this office <del>(stating)</del> stating requirements			
From	4th Aust DA		
Place			
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TO { C.O. - DAC 4 DAC		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
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* B.1	28 29th		
Am establishing dumps at North end of Contay Railway Station (further from village) than quarters in given huts close by. Very little ammunition at present on hand expecting quantity in this evening			
From	Katho Cont.		
Place	of Dumps. 4th Aust.		
Time			
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* SC 550		29		-				
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Dracincourt

APPENDIX

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

COPY NO. 16...

SECRET. INSTRUCTION NO. 43HEADQUARTERS,  
30th March 1918.

1. Although it is extremely unlikely that a further withdrawal will occur, the following arrangements will be maintained :-

- (a) Gun limbers with teams harnessed and hooked in will be kept within 1500 yards of Battery positions, one man per team at least standing to; one third of teams at a time may have harness removed for grooming purposes.
- (b) Communications to gun teams and to wagon lines from Batteries will be by mounted orderlies with a thorough knowledge of the shortest routes.
- (c) D.A.C. and wagon line Officers will reconnoitre the area between wagon lines and present Battery positions, with a view to facilitating the prompt movement of ammunition wagons to any positions which might be selected to cover a rear zone of defence.

2. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.  
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*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

1 - 5 10th Aust. F.A. Bde.  
6 - 10 11th " " "  
11 - 15 150th Bde., R.F.A..  
16 - 19 4th Aust. D.A.C..  
20 - 23 150th B.A.C..

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade.  
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Reference INSTRUCTION 43 above.

The 38th, 110th, 41st, 42nd and 111th Batteries should be able to bring fire to bear along the valley running up from ALBERT.

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Recd. 8.20. PM.



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APPENDIX. 48  
Issued to, War Diary

4TH. AUST. D. A. C.

ORDER NO 5. 31-3-18.

(Partly reiteration of message forms).

1. All sections D.A.C. will continue to be ready to move complete on maximum 30 minutes notice. No normal order of sections is to be taken as granted.
2. Echelons will be kept constantly full either on deposit on camp, temporary deposit at A.R.P., or on wheels. If A.L.Ws. are empty, corresponding number of boxes must be opened.
3. Battery Echelons to be kept filled on request, as required by Bty. Officer. D.A.C. will take turns with Btys. in delivering to gun positions.
4. Personnel to be kept concentrated at or close to wagon park or horse lines. Officers to live in proximity or with their men. Os. C. Sections, when D.A.C. is concentrated may be with C.O. or on nearest flank to him. Strict warning to be given that the property of civilians is to be respected in every way; and no houses to be entered without orders from an Officer.
5. S. A. A. Section will divide the How. Carriers between Nos 1 and 2 Sections on 31-3-18.
6. **EXPLOSIVES:-** Field Coys make their first replacement in action from D.A.Cs. In action, the O. C. Corps Cavalry Regt. and the O.C. Cyclist Bn. draw their explosive on the nearest D.A.C., handing in a certificate that the explosives are to replace stores expended in action.
7. A.R.P., notified daily is on 30th and 31st at CONTAY: Lt Battye i/c with ~~12x2~~ 1 Arty W.C.O. (1k), 1 Grenade NCO (2K), 1 T.M. Off. and 20 T.M. O/R. *1 m'd messenger (2K.)*
8. Ammn. States (a) By A.R.P. Officer:- showing Ammn. received the previous 24 hours: ammn. issued to units; ammn. on hand at NOON, carried by KHQ messenger to D.A.H.Q. by 1.30 p.m. and copy for C.O.  
(b) States by Sections:- Ammn. on hand 11 a.m. yesterday; Ammn. drawn: ammn. issued: ammn. on hand. To be at KHQ by 11.45 a.m.
9. From 6 p.m. 31st, F.A. covering 4th Aust. Div. is:-  
Right Group. Lt. Col. Dixon. 150th, A.Bde.  
95th " "  
108th A " "  
Left Group. Lt.-Col. Williams. 10th and 11th A.F.A.Bdes.  
200 rounds per gun will be maintained at Bty. position.
10. Should any Aeroplane land near the Unit, day or night, picquets and guards will warn W.C.Os. in charge and steps will be taken at once to see if personnel are allied or enemy's troops.  
A case occurred recently where a German Aeroplane landed 4 persons without interference from troops in the vicinity.  
It is possible the enemy might use an Allied machine, crews are to be examined by an Officer, who will satisfy himself they are the persons they state.
11. Units will report any cases of roads which may be in use by them which may be damaged and require repair.

(OVER).



The Sections will mount a picquet consisting of one N.C.O. and 2 men, who will from time to time patrol the village of AGNICOURT, from KHQ as far as the entrance to No 1 Section, giving particular attention to prevent all destruction of property, fires, and looting. Any cases will be at once reported to Officers.

1K to be posted at once and remain on till Midnight 31-3-18.

[illegible]

2-4-18

and so on in succession until further orders.

Lieut. Col.

O. C. 4th.

O. C. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.



"C" Form.

Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message

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Charges to Collect			By <i>202</i>	To <i>.....</i>	
Service Instructions. <i>Received. 11 PM</i>			By <i>.....</i>	By <i>.....</i>	
Handed in at <i>AVD</i>			Office <i>10:20</i> m	Received <i>4:25</i> m.	

TO *11th Aust Div*  
*DAC Vca*

*Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
<i>58526</i>	<i>28</i>		

<i>ARP</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>29th</i>	<i>march</i>
<i>11th</i>	<i>Aust</i>	<i>Div</i>	<i>only</i>
<i>CONTAY</i>	<i>Station</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>130</i>
<i>ads</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>pm</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>60</i>	<i>ads</i>	<i>4.5</i>	<i>How</i>
<i>few</i>	<i>guns</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>
<i>dumped</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>Bones</i>
<i>SAR</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Aust</i>
<i>DAC</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>detail</i>	<i>an</i>
<i>officer</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>take</i>	<i>charge</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>dump</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>65th</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>150th</i>	<i>army</i>	<i>Bdes</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>21st</i>	<i>DR</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>also</i>	<i>draw</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>this</i>
<i>ARR</i>	<i>ARP and</i>	<i>officer</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>charge</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>come</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>then</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>11th</i>	<i>Aust</i>

FROM *Lt And DA*

TIME & PLACE

\*This line should be crossed if not required.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

COPY NO. ....

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION No. 23.

SECRET.

Headquarters,  
29th March 1918.

AMMUNITION SUPPLY - 18-pdr and 4.5" How. ammunition Refilling Point is at CONTAY Station, any alteration will be notified.  
Lieut. E.J. BATTYE, 4th Australian D.A. Column is in charge of A.R.P.

AMMUNITION RETURNS - The following will be required till further orders.

From Brigades By Orderly to reach this Office by 1.30 p.m. showing  
by Batteries

- (a) Ammunition expended 24 hours ending NOON.
- (b) Ammunition received at Gun Line.
- (c) Ammunition on hand at Gun Line.
- (d) Ammunition on hand in Battery Echelons.

( In 4th Australian Divisional Artillery para. (d) is sent direct from Wagon Lines - and may be sent direct from other Brigades. This return to reach this Office before 2 p.m. daily).

From D.A.Cs and B.A.Cs By Orderly to reach this office before 1.30 p.m. daily :-

Return of Gun and How. ammunition in sections.

From Officer i/c of A.R.P. To reach this office by 1.30 p.m. daily report showing :-

- (a) Ammunition issued to Units.
- (b) Ammunition received previous 24 hours.
- (c) Ammunition on hand in dump at NOON.

As ammunition becomes available 200 rounds per gun will be dumped at or near guns and all Echelons will be kept filled.

Officer i/c A.R.P. will notify this Office by wire if he is unable to fulfil demands and steps will be taken to have ammunition made available.

GUN REPORT - Brigades will forward by 1.30 p.m. daily a report showing by Batteries :-

- (a) Guns in action
- (b) Guns temporarily out of action, whether at position, W.L. or I.O.M.
- (c) Guns destroyed or deficient (or surplus)

CASUALTY REPORTS - from Brigades, D.A.Cs and B.A.Cs will be forwarded by mid-day orderly to reach this office by 1.30 p.m. showing names and dates in the case of Officers and number of O.R.

ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

*E.K. Smart*

Captain,  
a/Staff Captain,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION -

- 1 - 10th Aust. F.A. Bde,
- 2 - 11th " " "
- 3 - 51st Bde R.F.A.
- 4 - 150th Army Bde R.F.A.
- 5 - 4th Aust. D.A. Cln.
- 6 - 9th D.A.C.
- 7 - Officer i/c A.R.P.
- 8 - File.
- 9 - )
- 10 - ) War Diary.