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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC*

FOR

*July* 191*8*

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QUERRIEU.

Summary of Events and Information

July 1st. Weather- Fine & Clear.  
 Lt. McKeown, 1K. proceeds on leave to England.  
 Supplying ammn. to 13th. & 14th. Aust. F.A.Bde. Gun Positions under instructions from D.A.H.Q.. Full Echelons out & two trips made. Received D.A. operation order No.163.  
 'C' Sub. of 3rd. A.D.A.C. S.A.A. Section attached to 4th. A.D.A.C., S.A.A. Section. Received 400 tins of tobacco from the 4th. D.A.C. Comforts Fund, Sydney. 2/Lt. Stanwix commences the L.M.G. Training Syllabus in the S.A.A. Section, now some 6 miles back at RIVERY. The Ammn. States are returned at ~~present~~ present at midnight & therefore the daily figures show the quantity issued on date previous. Ammn. issued to Btys. from Dumps & D.A.C.: - 10258A, 6024AX, 4681BX, 2502A Smoke, 940 B Smoke, 52TMC.

July 2nd. Weather- Fine & clear.  
 Supplying 78th. & 79th. Bdes. R.F.A. tonight. Full echelons out. Serious fire in QUERRIEU at 11 p.m.: cause unknown: Strong W. breeze aided flames: the Town Major applied for help & I turned out three watercarts and rendered assistance. Fire under control at 3 a.m. Ammn. issued to Btys.: - 17614A, 6046AX, 8686BX, 3504N, 904NX, 2312A Smoke, 590B Smoke, 120TMC.

July 3rd. Weather- Fine & clear.  
 C & I Subsections of S.A.A. Section move to 62D. H 32 c 4 1 & open a grenade dump. Ammn. issued to Btys.: - 17238A, 10415AX, 4626BX, 3111N, 1273NX, 2974A Smoke, 1590B Smoke, 120TMC.

July 4th. Weather- Fine & clear.  
 Attack launched on Divisional Front at 3.10 a.m., all objectives gained and many prisoners coming in: 2000x gained; heavy firing on front in afternoon & evening: at night Enemy concentrated his bombing planes on this sector- four bombs fell close to ~~XXXXX~~ Camp Dump: no damage inflicted on this Unit. Issued to Btys.: - 5383A, 4964AX, 420BX, 48N, 1950NX, 972A Smk, 760B Smk, 640TMC.

July 5th. Weather- Clear all day but became cloudy at night. Count of prisoners & booty taken in our attack now totals 1300 men, 100 machine guns, & 1 field gun: front comparatively quiet. Resumed delivery of Ammn. to 10th. & 11th. A.F.A.Bdes. Visited VECQUEMONT A.R.P.: Received D.A. Adm. Instr. No. 34.: I issue D.A.C. Order No.8. No aerial activity. Ammn. issued to Btys.: - 1812A, 1472AX, 5437BX, 46A Smk., 60TMC.

July 6th. Weather- Fine & clear.  
 Normal day: C & I Subsections of S.A.A. Section return to RIVERY. Ammn. issued to Btys.: - 4014A, 2574AX, 1300BX, 50B Smk., 120TMC.

July 7th. Weather- Hot & dry.: ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~.  
 Lt. Col. H.V.Vernon, D.S.O. returned from French leave & I handed over all papers & the Unit. C Subsection of 3rd. A.D.A.C. withdrawn from 4th. A.D.A.C. Issued to Btys.: - 2852A, 1836AX, 2054BX, 14NX.

Hour  
 I take over from Capt. D.E. Aikins.  
 Date  
 At midnight to-night the Camp Dump is closed for issue to Brigades of the Div. Sector except for the 13 pr. R.H.A. The Sections clear as much as possible with object of reducing stock to N.: NX, TMC, & M.G. S.A.A. only

Place  
 July 8th. Weather; Hot with thunder storms in afternoon & evening. Strength of Unit 675 all ranks, i.e. 90 over in personnel. Issued to Btys. 4558A, 1249AX, 7647BX, 3885N, 1436NX, 398A Smk, 1210B Smk., 358TMC.

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July 9th. Cool, rainy. Issued Order No.9.  
Issued to Btys. 2588A, 1128 AX, 6837 BX, 3686 N, 1360 NX,  
398 A Smoke, 1210 B Smoke, 358 TMC.  
From R.M.O's Report period 10.6.18 to 30.6.18:-  
Daily average on Sick Parade 14.7 from D.A.C. & 7.6 from other units.  
Daily average in Regt. Rest Shelter 5.5.  
Evacuations: Pyrexia 10 (owing to Unit moving): Venereal 3. (HVV)

July 10th. Fine, cool & rainy. CAMP DUMP again made a general issue Dump for the 11th. Aust. F.A.Bde, 114th.Aust.Bty, 298th.Bde.R.F.A., & 16th.Bde.R.H.A.  
CAMP DUMP Stock:- 1008 A, 1112 N, 186 NX, 510 B Smoke, 48 TMC.  
Issued to Btys.:- 1492 A, 864 AX, 900 BX, 1500 N, 917 NX.  
Inspection of horses by A.D.V.S. (HVV)

July 11th. Cool, rainy.  
Issued Order No.10.  
Issued to Btys.:- 596 A, 468 AX, 900 BX, 298 N, 74 NX.

July 12th. Fine, cool. Received Warning Order re relief of 'C' Div. Sector, Corps Front.  
Issued to Btys.:- 1885 A, 1243 AX, 400 BX, 394 N, 290 NX. (HVV)

July 13th. Fine. Received Orders for Move: visited with Os.C. Sections the camps & wagon lines of 2nd. Aust. D.A.C. between PONT NOYELLES & FRECHENCOURT, where we move into relief: visited by representatives of 3rd. Aust. D.A.C. who relieve this Unit at QUERRIEU. Issue Order No.11 showing locations of positions to relieve & hours of march.  
Issued to Btys.:- 608 A, 304 AX, 1000 BX, 137 N, 91 NX, 150 A smoke. (HVV)

July 14th. Cool, raining. 2/Lt. H.A.Grylls reports from Base. Two Subalterns reconnoitre positions of three 15 pdr. Anti Tank Guns, with view of relieving 2nd. D.A.C. personnel; later orders received that 5th. D.A.C. would take them over. Find billet in FRECHENCOURT for No.11 Dental Unit. Inspect the 2nd. D.A.C. Dump & find no roads or drains or cover for the men except the tarpaulins required for the ammunition.  
3rd. D.A.C. relieve Lt. Cramp from CAMP DUMP & he takes over QUARRY DUMP at FRECHENCOURT.  
No.1 Section marches at 9.30 p.m. to PONT NOYELLES. (HVV)

July 15th. Fine. At 11a.m. D.A.C.H.Q. leaves, by single wagons, & NO.2 Section marches at 9.30 p.m. for FRECHENCOURT. No men to move, ill with influenza.  
Lt. Mein is relieved by at VECQUEMONT Dump by 3rd. A.D.A.C. 3rd. C.R.A. relieves 4th. C.R.A., 8 p.m.  
Issued to Btys. from VECQUEMONT & CAMP Dumps before relief: 2088 A, 438 AX, 600 BX, 10 N, 60 NX. (HVV)

July 16th. 2/Lts. G.D.Heathorn & H.A.Grylls transferred to D.T.M.Btys., & Lts. C.Garvin & F.Hutchinson to D.A.C.  
System of supply generally in this Sector to be : D.A.C. will carry one third the amount of ammn. to the Gun Pits, & supply G.S.Wagons for Empties etc.  
Issued from QUARRY DUMP:- 1070 A, 914 AX, 360 BX. (HVV)

July 17th. Lt. Mein relieves Lt. Cramp as O.C. QUARRY DUMP.  
Issued to Btys.:- 1030 A, 558 AX. (HVV)

July 18th.  
Issued by Dump:- 1042A, 694AX, 420BX.  
do Sectns:- 185A, 49AX, 70A Smoke. (HVV)

July 19th.  
Issued by Dump:- 3076A, 1900AX, 50A Smoke. (HVV)  
do Sectns:- 100A, 52AX, 300BX,

July 20th.  
Issued by Dump:- 2540A, 1464AX, 150BX, 212A Smoke.  
do Sectns:- 660A, 334AX, 300BX, 279A Smoke. (HVV)

July 21st.  
Issued by Dump:- 032A, 664AX, 50Bx.  
do Sectns:- 1774A, 1062AX, 590BX.

H.V. Vernon Lt Col

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Schedule No. (to be left blank)	Unit	Regtl. No.	Rank and Name (Christian names must be stated)	Action for which commended (Date and place of action must be stated)	Recommended by	Honour or Reward	(To be left blank)
				FRECHENCOURT. PAGE 3 of JULY, 1918.			
				July 22nd. Fine. Lt. C.R.Cramp transferred to 10th.Bde. and Lt. E.J.Battye to 11th. Bde. Capt. H.S.Davey proceeds on leave to England. Issued from Dump:- 4454A, 2954AX, 1080BX, 300A Smoke. do do Sect:- 730A, 486AX. (HVV)			
				July 23rd. Rainy. DUMP personnel at present; 1 officer & 43 o/rs. quartered, & 10 o/rs. & 2 G.S.W. as daily working party; total 57 o/Rs. of which 36 are from this Unit. Issued from Dump:- 724A, 469AX, 684BX. do do Sect:- 200A, 100B Smoke. (HVV)			
				July 24th. Rainy. 2/Lts. Campbell, Edwards, Burton, Forrest, & Moore arrive from Base & are sent to M.T.M.Btys. without taking them on strength of D.A.C. Transferred from M.T.M.Btys. to D.A.C. 2/Lts. C.E.Jenour, C.H.Godebye, & E.A.F.Smith. I inspect S.A.A.Section about 8 miles back at RIVERY. Issued from Dump:- 498A, 330AX, 320BX, 50A Smoke. do do Sect:- 60A, 40AX. (HVV)			
				July 25th. Rainy. 2/Lt. P.C.Saint from Base, sent to M.T.M.Btys. Notified, G8/221, each Section of D.A.C. will carry 1 extra Subaltern on strength, total 3, if available, making total of 18 officers. One driver of S.A.A. Section attached to D.T.M.O. wounded in Action. Issued from Dump:- 1272A, 846AX, 94BX, 700A Smoke, 550B Smk. do do D.A.C- 50A, 26AX, 145BX, 150A Smoke. (HVV) Issued ORDER No.12 showing Groups & Locations.			
				July 26th. Rainy. Officers transferred:- To 10th. Bde.- Lt.F.F.Florance, & 2/Lt. R.C.Cumming. To 11th. Bde. Lt.N.Hely, & 2/Lt. C.E.Begg. From M.T.M.Btys.- to- D.A.C. 2/Lt. L.M.McLean. Issued from Dump:-1336A,910AX,200BX,100A Smoke,400TMC. (HVV) do do D.A.C- 276A,180AX, 74BX,150A do ,100B Smoke.			
				July 27th. Rainy. Country & roads very slippery for transport causing much delay. Officers transferred:- From M.T.M.Btys.to D.A.C. 2/Lt. G.D.Heathorn. do D.A.C. to 11th.Bde. Lts. G.C.Garvin & E.A.F. Smith. Issued from Dump:-3131A, 2059AX, 1294BX. do do D.A.C- 684A, 380AX, 600BX. (HVV)			
				July 28th. Dull, no rain. Attack to-night by 5th. AUST. Div. Infantry South West of MORLANCOURT. Issued D.A.C. ORDER No.13 showing objectives, & new grouping and front line. Issued from Dump:-8713A,4943AX,2469BX,200TMC. do do D.A.C-1116A, 896AX, 450BX. (HVV)			
				July 29th. Fine weather. Lt. V.G.Elliston reports from Base & posted to S.A.A.Section. 2/Lt. L.M.McLean proceeds on special leave to England. Issued D.A.C. ORDER No.14 showing moves of Artillery & Infantry & relief by 18th. Div. Infantry. Issued from Dump:-3834A,600AX,3609BX,50A Smoke. do do D.A.C- 528A,228AX, 70BX. (HVV)			
				July 30th. Fine & warm. Received Gen. Staff Circ. No.33 instructing that all officers & N.C.Os. who have been 6 months & over in D.A.C. will undergo a course of duty & instruction in the Batteries. Attached is D.A.C. Circular to Sections re the N.C.Os. Issued from Dump:-1582A, 696AX, 700BX. do do D.A.C- 360A, 240AX, 400BX. (HVV)			
				July 31st. Fine & warm. Receive 18th. Div. Arty. Order No.36 showing this Unit will be relieved on 2nd. prox by the 50th.D.A.C. 2/Lt. Stanwix proceeds to LaCHAUSSEE' as Billetting officer. S.A.A. Section moved yesterday from RIVERY to vicinity BOVES-CAGNY. A Russian reservist, Gnr. Smagin, after being refused by higher authority the right to discharge, thinking that the British were fighting Russia (as per evidence) stated he refused to go on parade or fight further for the British. After endeavouring to explain to him, I refer the case to F.G.C.M. at his own request, & keep him under close arrest. HV Vernon LZL			

FRECHENCOURT.

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July 31st. continued:- Lt. C.H.Godebye & 2 N.C.Os. to a Veterinary School for a course of 4 weeks. 2 o/Rs. to a Signalling Course of 3 weeks to qualify as Signallers. Received notification of the two following drivers of No. 2 Section, being awarded Military Medals:-

No. 2656 Dvr. C. Giltrow, and No. 29774 Dvr. H.H.Richards.

The following is a copy of the A Forms W 3121:-

" For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on the night 4th/5th. July 1918", when driving their team of mules attached to a G.S.Wagon loaded with Trench Mortar bombs, "in the rear of HAMEL, the enemy placed a heavy barrage on all roads in the vicinity." A wagon immediately in front of them was blown off the road, drivers and horses being casualties. "With great coolness and presence of mind they drove their team a little off the road and remained standing by their mules for 1 1/2 hours under heavy fire, awaiting instructions from a guide who had gone forward to receive instructions from an Officer".

2/Lt. C.E.Jenour promoted to 1st. Lieut. dated 14.6.18 Locality of Wagon Lines bombed intermittently from 12 midnight till 3 a.m.

SICK PARADE STATISTICS for July, taken from R.M.O's report:-

Artillery Echelon (S.A.A. Section detached at RIVERY omitted)

Daily Strength on lines 400  
Sick Parades, total 370 = 1 in 33 per diem  
Classified, No duty 125 = 1 per 100 per diem  
do Light do 155 =  
do Med & do 86  
V. D. 1 )  
Injury 1 )  
Rheum. 1 ) Evacuated 4 = 1 per 100 per month  
Pyrexia 1 )

All inoculated within last 12 months: many outside patients treated & inoculated.

Total Cases seen by R.M.O. = 1500

Bacillary Dysentery prevalent in the new Area, & special instructions are issued.

H.V. Jenour

Lt. Col.

C.O. 4th. AUST. D.A.C.

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

*In order of dates.*

- 1* DAC Field Orders nos 8-15 inclusive
- 2* Circ @ NCOs exchanging into Batteries  
for 2 months.

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ISSUED to War Day

4th. Aust. D. A. C. Order No. 8. 6.7.18.  
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Reference D A Adm. Instns. No. 34

AMMUNITION.

Upon the withdrawal of 16th. Bde. R.H.A., ammunition on charge to that Unit will be returned by them to CAMP DUMP.

CAMP DUMP.

At 12 midnight 7/8th. July; CAMP DUMP will close for the ~~ix~~ issue of all ammunition excepting 13-pr. After that date all 18-pr. and 4.5" How ammn. will be drawn from VECQUEMONT.

*Phillips* Capt.

A/O. C., 4th. Aust. D. A. Column





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APPENDIX. / 7

Report on recent operations  
effecting S.A.A. Section.

On account of 11th. A.I. Brigade being attached to 4th. Aust. Div. for attack on 4th. inst. "C" Subsection. S.A.A. Section. 3rd. Aust. D.A.C. was attached to this Section on the 1st. inst. Large dumps were established by I. Subsection for the 4th. A.I. Brigade and by "C" Subsection for 11th. A.I. Brigade. before the commencement of the attack. On the night of the 3rd. inst. both Subsections moved to wood at H. 32 C.4.1. Sheet 62D. with full Echelons in case Ammunition should be required at short notice. O/C S.A.A. Section camped with 4th. Div. rear headquarters about five hundred yards from Subsections. After the attack on the 4th. inst. small quantities of ammunition were delivered to infantry brigades. Subsections returned to camp at RIVERY on the 6th. inst. and on the following day the 3rd. D.A.C. Subsection took up duty with its own unit.

9-7-18.

*[Signature]*  
.....Capt.  
O.O.  
S. A. A. Section.  
4th Aust. D. A. C.

APPENDIX

4th. A.D.A.C. ORDER No.9: 9.7.18

1. 16th. Bde. R.H.A. moves in and becomes Superimposed Group, night 9/10th. July: N & NX will be issued to them from DAOURS & CAMP dump.  
200 rds. per gun will be maintained at Bty. positions.  
250 rds. per Battery will be expended each 24 hours.

2. Line is now approximately- P 25 b - P 26 b - P 21 b - P 16 c - P 10 d - P 11 d - P 10 b - P 4 b.

3. LOCATIONS:-

	Field	W.L.
10th. B.H.Q.(R)	O 10 a 9 7	H 29 a 8 4
37th.	O 18 a 5 2	H 36 a 8 9
38th.	O 18 a 0 3	N 15 d 5 7
39th.	O 17 a 3 2	N 5 d 6 1
110th.	O 12 c 6 2	H 29 a 2 5
11th. B.H.Q.(c)	I 23 d 6 2	
41st.	J 26 a 3 2	I 13 c 2 2
42nd.	J 21 c 8 8	H 24 c 33
43rd.	J 26 c 3 3	H 18 d 8 0
111th.	J 26 c 3 9	I 21 b 6 5
4th. D.T.M.O.		I 34 c 7 9
7	P 8 b 1 3	
8	P 4 d & J 29 c	
4th. A.D.A.C.	DAOURS	H 22 b 2 7

4. GROUPS:-

<u>Right.</u>	<u>Centre.</u>	<u>Left.</u>
10th. Aust.	11th. Aust.	x 298th. Army.
189th. Army.	13th. "	x 235th. "
x 236th. "	14th. "	x 4th. R.H.A.
	16th. R.H.A.(Sup)	

5. Nos. 1 & 2 will from now keep their full establishment of boxed rounds in Camp: less G.S.Wagons condemned.

6. Some 4.5" H.E. Shell with base plates thicker than normal have come into supply fitted with projecting base plates. They have no effect on ballistics, are fuzeed with the No. 101 type of fuze and although the No. 106 Fuze can be used with them, it may be found that they will not fit into the limbers. The boxes are marked "Use No.101 Type Fuze".

*H. Vrenon* Lt.Col.

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

4th. A.D.A.C. ORDER No. 10: 11.7.18

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- (1) In acc. with Adm. Instr. No. 36 (issued) Ammn. is carried by M.T., & L.R. from FLESSELLES Rhd. to Dumps:- (a) DAOURS which is ~~XXXXXXXX~~ now renamed VECQUEMONT (same dump) & available for 10th, 13th, & 14th, Aust. F.A.Bdes.; 189th. Bde. R.F.A., & 'A' Bty. R.H.A.. (b) CAMP Dump now re-opened for issue to 11th, Aust. F.A.Bde., 114th. Bty. A.F.A., 298th. Bde. R.F.A., 16th. Bde. R.H.A.: Lt. Cramp remains O.C.
  - (2) 14 O/Rs. of 298th. Bde. reported 10th. inst. for duty at Camp Dump.
  - (3) VECQUEMONT daily State is collected by D.A.H.Q. direct & portions of same as asked for will be telephoned when completed to K.H.Q.  
CAMP & D.A.C. States will be handed to K.H.Q. by 9 a.m. daily.  
Counting Hour remains 12 midnight.
  - (4) All Lewis M.G. Section Classes & Crews are to be explained these figures:- Summary of number of Aeroplane successes during June 1918 on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th. Armies & L. of C.:-  
Damaged & destroyed by A.A. Gun fire - - - - 19 Aeroplanes.  
Brought down by A.A.S.A. & Infty. fire - - - - 3 do  
This shows that indiscriminate fire on E.A. is useless waste & does not counterbalance the danger.

(5) N & NX with 85 fuze cannot be refused by R.H.A. Btys.

(6) I.O.M. is "CARDONETTE"

(7) T.M. Bty. locations :-

7th (Capt. W. Pinder)	: 8th. (Capt. W.H. Felstead)	: Anti Tank Guns
P 16 a 1 7	: J 35 c 8 8	: P 20 b 8 5 (5 pr)
P 10 c 3 2	: J 29 c 4 0	: P 15 b 2 0 (6 pr)
P 10 a 9 7	: J 29 c 1 0	: J 29 c 5 5 (6 pr)
P 4 c 5 6	: J 30 a 2 3	:

16th. Bde. R.H.A. location:- H.Q. I 35 c 6 3

'A' Bty. P 7 c 2 7 : 'Q' Bty. J 31 b 4 4 : 'U' Bty. J 26 d 4 4.

14th. Aust. F.A. Bde. location:- H.Q. I 24 b 6 0

53rd, 54th, & 55th. Btys. J 26.

No. 1 Section, ~~XXXXXX~~ Aust. D.A.C. H 35 a 1 5

(8) Groups: 9 p.m. 10th. inst. :-

RIGHT.                      CENTRE.                      LEFT.                      RESERVE.

10th. Aust. Bde.: 13th. Aust. Bde.: 11th. Aust. Bde. : 298th. Army. R.F.A.  
189th. Army. R.F.A.: 14th. Aust. Bde.: 16th. R.H.A. (Sup) :

(9) BOUNDRIES :-

Right Group: on South = Div. Stn. Bdy.  
                  : on North = E & W thro' P 16 b 0 5

Centre Group : on North = SOMME River.

Left Group : on North = E & W thro' J 22 d 0 0

*H.V. Vernon* Lt. Col.

O.C. 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Col.

4th. Aust. D.A.C. Order No.11 : 13.7.18

1. As per Warning Order No.5 & Order 174 of 12.7.18, MOVE takes place on 14th.&15th. to PONT-NOYELLES -----FRECHENCOURT locality.

(a)	LOCATIONS.	FIELD	W.Ls. (rear)
5th. Bde. re-	10th. B.H.Q.	J 1 c 5 1	C 25 d 5 5
lieved by 10th.	37th.	J 16 a 1 3	I 1 a 1 9
Bde. & served	38th.	J 14 a 4 4	B 24 d 6 8
by 1K.	39th.	J 9 d 4 1	H 6 b 6 6
	110th.	J 9 d 1 9	H 6 b 3 4
3rd. Army Bde.	11th. B.H.Q.	J 8 b 1 5	FRANVILLERS
relieved by 11th	41st.	J 4 c 2 0	do
Bde. & served by	42nd.	J 14 b 8 0	C 21 c 5 5
2K.	43rd.	J 4 d 1 8	C 26 b 0 6
	111th.	J 8 b 5 8	C 21 c
4th. D. A. C.	K.H.Q.		H 6 b 7 6
	1 K		H 6 c 5 5
	2 K		H 12 c central
	3 K		M 3 c 7 9
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	A.R.P.	B 30 b central	
	4th. D T M O (relieves 3rd.		
	Aust D T M O)		N 24 b 2 7

(b) Other Moves:-  
 14th. Aust. F.A.B. relieves 4th. Aust F.A.B.  
 13th. do do moves to "Superimposed" C, Div. Sector.  
 5th. ~~xxxx~~ Aust D.A.C. moves to C, Div Sector.  
 2nd. Aust. D.A.C. relieves 3rd. Aust. D.A.C.  
 3rd. Aust. D.A.C. do 4th. Aust. D.A.C.  
 8th. Aust. F.A.B. do 14th. Aust. F.A.B.  
 7th. Aust. F.A.B. do 10th. Aust. F.A.B.  
 3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O. do 4th. Aust. D.T.M.O.

2. In accordance with para 4 Order No. 3 "all guns will be handed & taken over in situ": the 3 15pr. antitank guns of 2nd. D.A.C. will, until further orders, be taken over by 4th. D.A.C.. 1K will provide 1 officer for supervision, & crews of 1 N.C.O. & 3 Gnrs. for each gun on charge of No.1 Sec. 2nd. D.A.C., who with Kit & rations will relieve the latter on night 14/15th. That or those on charge of No.2 Sec. will similarly be taken over by 1 officer of 2K & gun crews of 1 N.C.O. & 3 gunners on night 15/16th.

Each Section to take a guide & return him to camp with report for K.H.Q. Trained personnel to be provided as far as possible.

3. 1K will march at 9.30p.m. on evening of 14/15th. to relieve No.1 Sec. 2nd. D.A.C. who move out at 9.30 p.m., & issue own march orders. An advance party & guard to report at the camp during day. Relief to be complete by 12 midnight. 2K similarly on 15/16th. K.H.Q. will move on 15th. inst: hour to be notified. These units will leave representatives or hand over to advance parties of 3rd. D.A.C. before leaving. All Camps to be left scrupulously clean.

4. 4th. D.A. S C 852, orders full echelons of ammunition to be carried: further orders may be issued.

5. Command of Artillery covering 'B' Div. Sector passes at 8 p.m. 15th. to C.R.A. 3rd. Aust. Div. & 4th. D.A.H.Q. reopen at RENANCOURT at 9 p.m. 15th. 'C' Div. Sector will be under command of C.R.A. 5th. ~~Div~~ Aust. Div. at StGRATIEN.

6. Relief of CAMP Dump will be made by 2nd. D.A.C. or 2K on afternoon of 14th. & Lt. Cramp with B.S.M. Wheeler will take over FRECHENCOURT A.R.P. by 7.30 p.m. 14th. unless further orders issued. 1K will provide 2 N.C.Os. & 20 men with kits & rations to report to Lt. Cramp before 10.30 p.m. 14th. inst. No orders are received yet ref. relief VECQUEMONT A.R.P. but it is possible Lt. Mein will relieve Lt. Cramp later.

*W. V. ...* Lt. Col.  
 O.C. 4th. Aust. D.A.C.

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APPENDIX

4th. Aust. D.A.C. ORDER No.12, 14/7/18

1. Ammn. Salved to VECQUEMONT & CAMP DUMPS since 20.6.18:-

A	156	N	1310
AX	181	NX	623
BX	90	SAA	500

2. Salvage on CAMP dump for week ending 12th. include:-

69482 ECC; 12446 boxes, & 390 bags filled with salvage.

3. 1K will relieve No.2 Section, 2nd. Aust. D.A.C. & 2K, No.1 Section.

4. LOCATIONS now are:-

4th. A.D.A.C.H.Q.	H 6 b 7 6
No.1 Section	H 12 c central.
No.2 Section	H 6 c 5 5
S.A.A. Section	M 3 c 7 9
A.R.P.	B 30 b central.
No.11 Dental Unit.	FRECHENCOURT Village.

Antitank Guns:-

Lt. Peel	(a)	<del>near 37th. Bty.rations.</del>	B J 12 d 3 3
2/Lt. Begg	(b)	<del>near 41st. Bty.rations.</del>	J 10 d 5 5
2/K N.C.O.	(c)	Left flank, near an English Bty.	Buire.

5. FLASH REDUCING CHARGES for 4.5" How.:-

Coming into supply: 3oz. washing soda between 2 discs 5" diam: for use with flake cordite powder only: no effect on ballistics. Packed 8 in a 4.5" How. cartridge tin; & 10 tins in a wooden box: the tins and boxes are clearly marked with contents & quantity.

6. 4.5" How. Smoke Shell may be expected already fuzed: fuzes are No.44.

H.V. Venn Lt. Col.

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4th. Aust. D.A.C. ORDER No.12 : 25.7.18

1. Aust. Corps: Adm. Instr. No.185 B.- SALVAGE- includes:-
  - (a) Salvage will be despatched by L.R. to S.Dump at POULAINVILLE.
  - (b) Salved grenades, T.M. & German Ammn., E.C.C., clips, cartr. tins, fuze cylinders etc. will be returned to FLESSELLES Rhld. from Div. A.R.Ps. by returning M.T. in sacks, but E.C.C. in boxes stencilled "rising sun".
  - (c) Salved Ammn., service ability in doubt, & salved parts useful for repairing, will be despatched to Aust. Ord. Ammn. Units BALLARAT Dump 62 d, B 20 d. (StGRATIEN).
  - (d) From now all "empties" will be counted by O.C. A.R.P. after being handed same by Salvage personnel.

2. FRECHENCOURT Dump is termed "QUARRY Dump"
3. S.A.A. Section shortly move to I 7 central.

4. Sector Artillery now:-

<u>Right Group.</u>	<u>Left Group.</u>	<u>Sup. Group.</u>	<u>Mob. Res. Bde.</u>
10th.Bde.(Grp.H.Q.)	86th.Bde.R.F.A.	13th.Aust.Bde.	14th.Aust.Bde.
37	A?B?C,D, Btys.	49	53
38	1 Anti Tank Gun.	50	54
39	5th.Bde.R.H.A.	51	55
110	G,N,O,Z, Btys.	113	
11th.Bde.	41st.A.F.A.Bty.		
43	42 " "		
111th.	114th. " "		
2 Anti Tank Guns.			

5. LOCATIONS:-

	<u>Field.</u>	<u>W.Ls.</u>
10 B.H.Q.	J 1 c 5 1	C 25 d 5 5
37	J 16 a 1 3	I 1 a 1 9
38	J 14 a 4 4	B 24 d 6 8
39	J 9 d 4 1	H 6 b 6 6
110	J 9 d 1 9	H 6 b 3 4
11 B.H.Q.	J 8 b 1 5	FRANVILLERS
41	J 4 c 2 0	do
42	J 14 b 8 0	C 21 c 5 5
43	J 4 d 1 8	C 26 b 0 6
111	J 8 b 5 8	C 21 c
D.A.C. H.Q.		H 6 b 1 1
QUARRY A.R.P.	B 30 b cent.	
D.T.M.O.		N 24 b 2 7
5th. D.A.	StGRATIEN	
No.11 Dental Unit.		FRECHENCOURT

*H.V. Venna* Lt. Col.  
 O.C. 4th. Aust. D.A.C.

4th AUST. D. A. C. ORDER No 13. 28.7.18

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- (1) 5th D.A. Order No 50:- 58th Div. III Corps relieves 5th Aust. Div. in the line North of K 1 d 6 3 night 27th/28th. North Div. Bdy will then be K 1 d 6 3 - North edge of MERICOURT - C 24 a 0 0 - B 24 a 0 0.  
At 10 am 28th inst. Cmd passes to III Corps, 5th Army Bde R.H.A. and the 86th Army Bde R.F.A. passes to III Corps.
- (2) 'C' Div. Sector Arty will then be :-
- | Right Grp                  | Left Grp      | Sup. Grp        | Mob. Res. |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 10th Bde                   | 11th Bde      | 13th Bde        | 14th Bde  |
| 23rd Army Bde<br>(26/27th) | 50th Aust Bty | (less 50th Bty) |           |
| (3 18 pr Btys).            |               |                 |           |
- (3) The 3rd (Army) Bde A.F.A. is transferred to this Sector since 26/27th: and is under orders O.C. Mobile Res. Bde.
- (4) 5th D.A. Order 53 : Attack tonight by 53rd, 29th and 32nd Bns with objective - J 30 d 9 3 - K 25 d 0 5 - K 25 d 6 9 - K 25 8 2 - K 20 c 0 2 - K 14 c 6 0 - K 8 c 0 0. Table of barrages, and hours + zero at C. O's office. Ammunition, 18 Prs and 4.5 Hows : 250 rds over normal at gunpits. 106 fuzes not to be used till final protective barrage line.

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

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- (1) From 6 p.m. 29th. the Sector Arty. is:-
- | RIGHT Group.                 | LEFT Group.  |
|------------------------------|--|
| (Major Spurge)               | (Lt. Col. Deakin)  |
| 10th. Bde.                   | 13th. Bde.   |
| 11th. Bde.                   | 14th. Bde.   |
| 23rd. Army Bde. in reserve.) | ( <del>23rd</del> 3rd. Aust. Army Bde. in reserve till 30th. ) |
- (2) Night 29/30th. 23rd. & 3rd. Aust. Army Bdes. withdraw to wagon lines. 23rd. then passes to command of G.O.C. 4th. AUST. DIV. The ammn. of these Bdes. go to Right & Left Grp. Batteries direct.
- (3) On 29th. the 15th. A.I. Bde. move to RENANCOURT.  
" 30/31st. the 14th do do VAUX-POULAINVILLE  
" 31/1st. the 8th. do do ALLONVILLE-QUERRIEU  
The 5th. AUST. DIV. will be CORPS Reserve.
- (4) During 30/31st/1st. Aug. the 18th. Div. (54th. & 55th. Bdes) relieve AUST. Inf. North of the SOMME, the command passing at 10 a.m. 1.8.18

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

4th. A.D.A.C. ORDER No. 15: 31.7.18

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- (1) S C 895 instructs billeting officer to proceed to St SAUVEUR Area today to take over billets at La CHAUSSEE'. 10th. Bde & A S C will be at St SAUVEUR.
  - (2) 4th. D.A. 176 states, 4th. Div. Artillery, less M.T.M.Btys. will be relieved under orders of 5th. D.A.: 37th. FRENCH Div. Artillery will be relieved on 2.8.18.
  - (3) 5th. D.A. Order ~~176~~ No. 59, extracts:-
    - (a) 5th. Aust. Div. Arty. & 4th. A.D. Arty. each less S.A.A. Section, & 4th. M.T.M.Btys. will be relieved by the 18th. & 50th. Div. Artillerys.
    - (b) Ammunition at A.R.P., & Bty. positions will be handed over in Situ.
    - (c) 50th. D.A.C. will arrive to relieve 4th. D.A.C. by 12 noon 2nd. August: Completion of relief to be reported to 5th. D.A.H.Q. by code word "BOOTH".
    - (d) On the move all echelons will be full, less Ammn. for wagons loaded or out of action.
    - (e) C.R.A. 18th. Div. takes over from C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Div. at 10 a.m. on 1st. Aug.
  - (4) Attention is drawn to regulation forbidding any stores but those on Mob. Tables being carried. Full receipts in duplicate to be obtained for tents, shelters, tarpaulins etc, the copy being sent to D.A.C. H.Q.
  - (5) Camps to be left scrupulously clean: rear parties under the Q.M.Ss. to be left till the work is done. Receipts for proper condition of Camp to be obtained from incoming Unit & sent to D.A.C. H.Q.
  - (6) A.R.P. personnel will report to their Sections on or about relief on 2nd. prox.: but B.S.M. Wheeler will report at 9 a.m. to K.H.Q., & Cpl. Gibbs will report to O.C. 1K at 10a.m. on 1st. prox.

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



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APPENDIX *Handwritten signature*

31.7.18

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O. C. No. Section,

Ref. G.S.Circ. No.33 & 4th. D.A. G3/998

On 8.8.18, returning to unit 8.10.18 & the same every two months thereafter, the following N.C.Os. & men will exchange with similar ranks of the 10th. & 11th. Bdes., half to each.

1 Sgt. Maj., 4 Sgts., 4 Cpls., 5 Bdrs., 12 gunners, & 24 drivers.

Applications will be immediately called for by you, displaying the attached Circular. Please distinguish between those applying for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. tour, & those applications or your notes should be before C. O. to show the degree of desire for each tour & also for 10th. or 11th. Bde.

Note that the 3 Tours will include practically all the existing D.A.C. N.C.Os.

Cadet School Nominees should not be sent in 1st. Tour except at own wish.

SGT. MAJOR. If no Sgt. Maj. wishes 1st. Tour, B.S.M. Wheeler will be detailed. 10th. Bde. is laid down.

Sgts: Cpls: Bdrs: Each Section will provide at least one of each.

Lists will not be decided till 5th. prox.,: if requiring detailing owing to it being impossible to adjust wishes, seniority will be normally the basis of selection, & the list as follows:-

<u>K.H.Q.</u>	<u>1K.</u>	<u>2K.</u>	<u>3K.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	1 Sgt. (10)	1 Sgt.(11)	2Sgts. (10) (11)	4
1Sig.Cpl.(10)	1 Cpl. (10)	1 Cpl.(11)	1Cpl..(11)	4
	2 Bdrs. (10) (11)	1 Bdr.(10)	2Bdrs. (10) (11)	5
	5 Gnrs.	5 Gnrs.	2 Gnrs.	12
	9 Dvrs.	9 Dvrs.	6 Dvrs.	24
1	18	17	13	49 Total

It must be understood that N.C.Os. on their return will be put into any Section as required by the C.O..

Applications & Lists to be in by 6 p.m. 3rd. prox.

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

4th AUST. D. A. C.ROUTINE ORDER      No 501

By Captain D. E. AIKIN, Commanding.

France.

Tuesday, 2nd July 1918.

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1. COMFORTS.      Official thanks are recorded to the 4th D. A. C. Comforts Fund, Sydney, for 400 tins of tobacco.
  2. ANIMAL MANAGEMENT.      Animals taken off the lines after evening stables for work are to be watered on their return, irrespective of time returning,
  3. TRANSFERS.      No 10631    Gunner G. Johansen from 1 K to S.A.A. Section.  
No 1910    Gunner E. O'Connor from 1 K to KHQ, dated 1/7/18.
  4. LEAVE.      Officers Leave Roster may be seen on application to the Adjutant.
  5. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.      No 523    Driver C. Bourke, on transport duty to Australia.
  6. BOUNDS.      The Town of CORBIE is placed out of bounds to all Officers and men not on duty and provided with a duty pass signed by their Commanding Officers.  
Aust. Corps R. O. No 97 Of 11/4/18.

(signed)      J. Gleeson      Capt.

Adjutant.    4th Aust. D. A. (

4th AUSTRALIAN D. A. COLUMN.-----ROUTINE ORDER.      No 502.-----

France.                      By Captain D. E. Aikin,                      Commanding.                      Wednesday, 3rd July 1918.

1. COMFORTS.      Official thanks are recorded for the receipt of the following comforts from 4th Australian Divisional Comforts Fund:-
- |   |       |                |
|---|-------|----------------|
| 4 | cases | cocoa & milk   |
| 4 | "     | milk           |
| 4 | "     | fruit          |
| 3 | "     | sweets         |
| 2 | "     | coffee & milk. |
- (Dated) 1.7.18)
2. FRENCH CURRENCY.      It is notified for information that after 1st August 1918, silver coins of the following denominations; 2 francs, 1 franc, 50 centimes and 20 centimes, bearing on the obverse the effigy of Napoleon III with laurel wreaths, will be no longer legal tender.      Such coins should be exchanged at a civil Post Office on or before 31st July 1918.
3. A. R. Os.      Attention is drawn to 4th Army Routine Orders Nos 2268 2270 and 2276 of June 30th, 1918.
4. BOUNDS.      The Army vegetable gardens at CAMON are placed out of bounds to all troops except ~~all~~ those actually on duty in the garden.

*J. Gleeson*

(Signed) J. Gleeson, Capt.  
Adj. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

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## ROUTINE ORDER No. 503

By Capt. D.E. Aikins.  
FRANCE.Commanding.  
July 5th. 1918.

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1. CONGRATULATORY. The Army Command~~er~~ wishes his congratulations conveyed to all ranks on their excellent work.  
General Birdwood and the Corps Commander both send their Congratulations on your brilliant work during recent operations.  
The Divisional Commander wishes to add his own congratulations to the above appreciation.
  2. TRANSFERS. Transfer of younger brothers under K.R. 333 (4).  
The following is republished for information of all concerned:-  
" The G.O.C. A.I.F. has decided that, in view of the difficulty in keeping Infantry Battns. up to strength; claims by elder brothers belonging to units other than Infantry Machine Gun Companies & Pioneer Battns. will not in future be considered under the regulation mentioned. The transfer of the elder brother to his younger brother's unit may be approved in such cases.
  3. LEAVE. General leave has not yet been reopened. Applications for leave to United Kingdom must be submitted to Os.C. Sections and and be recommended by Os. C. before being forwarded to K.H.Q. No leave will be granted to any N.C.O. or man who has not been without leave to the United Kingdom for a period of 12 months. Individuals who have been without leave for the longest period will receive first consideration. In all cases sufficient funds must be in possession of applicants. Attention of Os.C. is drawn to A.I.F. Order No. 696 concerning individuals drawing less than 2/- per day.
  4. TAKEN ON STRENGTH. No. 31443 Dvr. Davies, C.D. from A.G.B.D. & posted to S.A.A. Section. dated 4.7.18
  5. A.R.Os. Attention is drawn to 4th. A.R.O's. 2279, 2280, 2281, 2283.
  6. SCHOOLS. A Nominal Roll will be prepared & rendered to K.H.Q. Office by 8th. inst. of all N.C.Os. & men at present with Unit who have attended ARMY SCHOOLS stating nature of Course, period of course and dates of assembly, as per pro forma attached.
  7. COMFORTS. Official thanks are recorded to the 4th. D.A.C. Comforts Fund, Sydney, for 400 tins of tobacco.

(Signed) J. Gleeson, Captain.

Adj. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.  
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ROUTINE ORDER No. 504.

By Captain D E Aikins,  
FRANCE

Commanding  
7th. JULY 1918.

1. FORFEITURE OF PAY. - V.D. (a) A member of the A.I.F. will forfeit one third of his full daily rate of pay (including deferred pay) for every day he is in hospital suffering from venereal disease; unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the D M S, A I F, that such venereal disease was inherited or acquired prior to enlistment in A I F.  
(b) Officers who forfeit one third of their pay in accordance with para (a), will in addition forfeit the whole of their field allowance whilst in hospital suffering from venereal disease.  
(c) This Order will operate as from 1st. Jan. 1918.  
(d) A I F Order 1005 is hereby cancelled.  
(Authority:- Defence Cable WS 89 of 28.6.18 - D A G, A I F 26/364 of 28.6.18.)
2. POSTAL. The french and Australian Postal Administration have brought under notice that a number of registered parcels posted by members of the A I F to AUSTRALIA from FRANCE have become undeliverable owing to their being insecurely packed by the senders. These articles which consist chiefly of souvenirs sent by soldiers whilst on leave in PARIS and other places in FRANCE, not only become undeliverable themselves, but in many cases their contents damage articles posted by other soldiers.
3. TRANSFER. No. 267 Gr. C F EDWARDS from 4th. D A Hqtrs. to 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Col. Dated 8.7.18.
4. PROMOTION. No. 267 Gr. C F Edwards to be T/Bdr. Dated 8.7.18.
5. DETACHMENT. No. 267 Gr. C F Edwards permanently detached with 4th. D A H Q for duty.
6. REVERSION. No. 1358 Dvr. A McDonald (2K) reverts to Gnr. at own request. Dated 7.7.18. (P.B. 190372)

(Signed) J Gleeson, Capt.

Adjutant, 4th. Aust. D. A. C

*J. Gleeson*

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4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.  
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Routine Order No. 505

By Lieut. Col H V Vernon, DSO

Commanding.

FRANCE

9th. July 1918.

1. COMMAND. Lieut. Col. H V Vernon, D S O having returned to duty, resumes command. Dated 7.7.18.  
Capt. D E Aikins resumes command of No. 2 Section.
2. ANIMAL MANAGEMENT. From a G H Q letter, extracts :-  
"Much preventable hardship to, & wastage of animals takes place in harnessing up unnecessarily soon. The Order "Stand to" must be understood to mean that animals are harnessed up & hooked in, but poles should be left down. Experience should be drawn on & taught as to the hour required for the order to harness before a move, & Officers & N.C.Os. must not give this earlier than required."
3. LEAVE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. Attention is drawn to G.R.O. No. 4445 of July 6th. issued to Sections 8.7.18
4. 303 S.A.A. (SPG Tracer) When using S.P.G. Tracer Ammn. it is necessary that that the last five rounds at least should consist of ordinary Mk. VII. ammunition, and that the barrel should be cleaned out immediately afterwards. Unless this is done a hard cake is formed on the surface of the bore which is liable to lead to bulged barrels.
5. TAKEN ON STRENGTH. From A.G.B.D. and posted to S.A.A. Section:-  
No. 4942 Dvr. Clark H.  
No. 29780 S/S. Sawyer H.G.T.  
Dated 8.7.18
6. REVERSION. No. 34166 T/Dr. Moreton, S.H. reverts to Gunner at own request. (P.B. No. 276374) dated 8.7.18
7. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH. The following have been Struck off Strength, evacuated to Hospital:-  

No. 4901 Gnr. Taylor E.W.	dated 20.6.18
No. 15689 Dvr. Ball J.L.	do 24.6.18
No. 2073 Dvr. Shaw G.C.	do do
No. 38017 Gnr. Taylor E.J.	do do
No. 34054 Dvr, Bradford W.W.J.	do 25.6.18
No. 1698 Bdr. Casey D.	do do
No. 15685 Gnr. Turnbull O.J.	do 1.7.18
8. PUNISHMENT. The following punishment has been awarded :-  
No. 1460 Dvr. J D Pitts awarded 2 days' F P 2 for disobeying an order, in that he when ordered to stop throwing earth, in stables, and carry on with grooming, failed to do so. Dated 9.7.18. (34/98513)

*J. Gleeson*

J, Gleeson, Capt.

Adjutant, 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

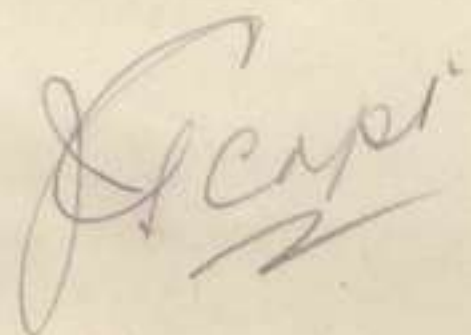
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## R O U T I N E   O R D E R   N o . 5 0 6

By Lt. Col. H.V.Vernon, D.S.O.  
FRANCE.Commanding.  
July 12th. 1918

1. BOUNDS. Attention is drawn to G.R.Os. Nos. 2864, 3792, 4071.
2. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH. The following O/R is struck off strength having been evacuated to Hospital:-  
No.34134 Gnr. Handley D.T.      dated 30.6.18
3. PROMOTIONS. The following temporary ranks are confirmed as from dates shown:-  
No.29672 T/Cpl.S/Smith Harper R.      14.6.18  
No.26476 T/Bdr. Hutchinson C.O.      1.7.18  
No.30286 T/Bdr. Budden D.G.      8.7.18
4. COURT MARTIAL. No. 612 Gunner McGlynn, C. of No.2 Section, was tried by F.G.C.M. on 9th. July 1918, on the following charges:-  
(1) "When on Active Service, absenting himself without leave. (Section 15,1a.)  
(2) "When on Active Service, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in that he at about 3 p.m. on 30.6.18 removed from the horse lines without authority 2 mules, saddles & bridles and returned the mules in an exhausted and damaged condition and detained same till 10 p.m. on 1.7.18, (Section 40) and was awarded 16 days F.P.1 which was confirmed and commuted to 16 days F.P.2 by Brigadier General W.L.H.Burgess, D.S.O.  
(Total Forfeiture £7.10.0. 17/34933)



(Signed) J. Gleeson Captain,  
Adj. 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Col.

## R O U T I N E   O R D E R   N o . 5 0 7

By Lt.Col. H.V.Vernon, D.S.O.  
FRANCECommanding  
July, 13th. 1918

1. COMFORTS. Official thanks are recorded for the receipt of the following comforts from 4th. Aust. Div. Comforts Fund on 6.7.18
- |               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| Coffee & milk | 3 cases |
| Cocoa & milk  | 3 do    |
| Tobacco       | 2 do    |
| Cigarettes    | 2 do    |
| Cricket bats  | 2       |
| do balls      | 2       |
2. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH. No. 34314 Gnr. Handley, D.T. having been evacuated to Hospital is struck off strength, dated 12.7.18
3. TRANSFER. No. 612 Gnr. McGlynn C. is transferred to 37th. Bty. 13.7.18  
No. 1516 Dr. Wilson J.G. do to S.A.A. Sectn. 13.7.18  
No. 28105 Dr. Rogers J.A. do to 11th. A.F.A BDe. 13.7.18
4. PAY. (a) Cash Credits accepted by Divisional Paymasters.  
If a soldier desires to draw only a portion of the amount, paid in by him, he must clearly understand that the balance must remain in his Paybook, until he can produce a leave warrant. In order to draw on any Special Credit, soldiers must produce the Official Receipt or credit advice and an authority bearing the Orderly Room stamp and the signature of the Commanding Officer or the Adjutant.  
Unless soldiers are prepared to abide by these conditions Cash Credits will not be accepted.
- (b) RETURN OF OLD PAYBOOKS.  
The Chief Paymaster, London advises that old paybooks are now available for return to their owners. Owing to the risk of loss the books will not be sent through post, but anybody who happens to be in London may make personal application at the Chief Pay Office and obtain same.
5. PICKED UP NAILS. Special attention is drawn to 4th. Army Standing Order No. 1076.  
Orders as regards a red painted tin marked "NAILS" erected at each Camp & Dump will be enforced.
6. 4th. ARMY ORDERS. Orders Nos. 1901 & 2281 are republished for information of all concerned and must be read at least once a week on parade.  
1901:-"BOUNDS-AMIENS.- Amiens is placed out of bounds to all troops. Passes to enter the town will be issued ~~to~~ only to those proceeding there on duty."  
2281:-"UNOCCUPIED PREMISES-AMIENS- Officers or men will not enter any unoccupied premises in AMIENS except on duty."

(Signed) J. Gleeson, Capt.  
Adjt. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

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ROUTINE ORDER No 508.

By Lieutenant-Colonel H. V. VERNON, D.S.O., Commanding.

France.

17th July 1918.

1. TAKEN ON STRENGTH. The following have been taken on strength from A.G.B.D., and posted as follows :-  
 2nd/Lieut. H. A. Graylls to No 1 Section.  
 3470 Gunner Simunson C.J. "  
 3098 Driver Bliss S.R. "  
 4752 Gunner Collyer W. "  
 38522 Gunner Moore C.L. "  
 Dated 14/7/18.  
 1907 Gunner Molloy R.E. to No 2 Section.  
 Dated 14/7/18.  
 1761 Driver Williams R.R. to S.A.A. Section.  
 1334 Driver Furniston R.G. "  
 5047 Driver Neve C.C. "  
 Dated 14/7/18.
2. TRANSFERS. 2nd/Lieut. G.D. Heathorn is transferred from No 1 Section to S.A.A. Section. Dated 15/7/18.  
 2nd/Lieut. H.A. Graylls is transferred from No 1 Section to 4th D. T. M. Btys. Dated 16/7/18.
3. PROMISCUOUS SHOOTING. Shooting at game is contrary to orders and offenders will be tried by F. G. C. M.  
 (Extract from 4th Aust. Div. R. O. 2139).
4. BOUNDS. The villages of Pont Noyelles and Querrieu, with the exception of Querrieu Chateau and the houses occupied by a Bn. H.Q. in Querrieu and Artillery Brigade H.Q. and "C" Divl. Police Detachment in Pont Noyelles are placed out of bounds for billeting. Troops and Transport will be allowed to enter and pass through these villages on duty, but no troops will remain in the villages.  
 4th A.I. Bde. will provide a Picquet of 1 Officer and 20 O'Rs to ensure that both villages are cleared of Troops by 9 pm.
5. GRAZING Horses and Mules are not to be grazed on fields where lucerne has been cut as this will destroy the second crop for the French owners and be the cause of many claims.
6. UNEXPLODED BOMBS AND SHELLS. Before animals are allowed to graze on the forward area, the sight selected should be thoroughly searched for unexploded bombs and shells. Cases have occurred lately of loss of horses and mules through neglect in this matter.
7. LEAVE. Personnel proceeding on leave should be instructed to entrain at AILLY-SUR-SOMME. Instances have occurred of Personnel reporting at LONGPRE HALTE in mistake for LONGPRE-les-CORPS SAINTS, thereby missing the train.
8. BATHS Clothing Store and Baths Office are now located at the Chateau, ALLONVILLE.

(signed) J. Gleeson Captain.  
 Adjutant. 4th Aust. D. A. C.

*J. Gleeson*

4th AUSTRALIAN D. A. C.

ROUTINE ORDER No 509.

By Lieut-Colonel H. V. VERNON, D.S.O., Commanding.

France.  
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21st July 1918.

1. TAKEN ON STRENGTH Lieut G. C. Garvin from D.T.M.Btys and posted to No 2 Section. 16/7/18.  
Lieut F. Hutchinson from D.T.M.Btys to S.A.A. Section 14623 Gunner Jones R. " " 16/7/18.  
1808 Driver Bennett G.T. from A.G.B.D. to No 1 Sect. " " 18/7/18.  
4390 Driver Rush F.R. " " 18/7/18.  
1974 Gunner Behan D. " S.A.A. Sect, 18/7/18.  
6035 Gunner Jones W.H. " " 18/7/18.
2. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH. The following have been evacuated to hospital and are struck off strength :-  
1786 Driver Pullen W. 17/7/18.  
28816 Gunner Butler E. " "  
12300 Driver Langhorn H. " "  
1842 Driver Boustead G. " "  
27625 Gunner McDonald G.A. 19/7/18.
3. TRANSFERS. 1237 Driver Sherrin M. to 11th A.F.A.Bde. 29/6/18.  
~~38522 Gunner Moore G.P. to S.A.A. Section 16/7/18.~~  
2nd/Lieut. G.D.Heathorn to D.T.M.Btys 16/7/18.  
2nd/Lieut. H.A.Grylls " " "  
Lieut C.E.Peel to 10th A.F.A.Bde 20/7/18.  
510 Gunner Smith J. " " "  
2625 Gunner McCarthy J.F. from No 1 Sec to S.A.A.Sect.  
38748 Gunner Plant T. from S.A.A.Sect to No 1 Sect.  
Dated 20/7/18.
4. BOUNDS. AILLY-SUR-SOMME is placed out of bounds to all troops except those on duty.
5. EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING etc. Attention of all ranks is drawn to the urgent necessity of returning all unserviceable stores, clothing and equipment.  
In the case of clothing and equipment at least 90 % of old articles should be returned when drawing new articles.  
O's C. Sections will give their personal attention to this matter, as the return of old material means a great saving in expenditure.
6. GENERAL ROUTINE ORDERS. Attention is drawn to G.R.O's 159, paras 4496, 4498, 4499, and 4506.
7. INFLUENZA. Attention is drawn to Aust. Corps R.O. N36, para 194.

*G. Gleeson*

(Signed) J.Gleeson, Capt.

Adj. 4th. Aust. D.A.C.



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7. TENTS. All tents and shelters are Area Stores except those shown as Unit equipment in Mob. Store Tables. When a unit moves out of an Area all tents and shelters will be handed over to the Area Commandant, or, if he so instructs, to the relieving unit.  
Disciplinary action will be taken against any Units carrying tents or shelters out of an Area.
8. TRANSFERS.
- |          |                     |             |           |         |
|----------|---------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| No.38522 | Gnr. Moore C.L.     | from S.A.A. | to 1K     | 14.7.18 |
| No.1839  | Cpl. Bannister S.P. | from 2K     | to K.H.Q. | 26.7.18 |
| No.37668 | Gnr. Leader P.F.    | do          | do        | do      |
9. BILLETS. Attention is drawn to D.A.R.O. No.233 para 169.
10. PROTECTION OF ANIMALS. Attention is drawn to 4th. Army R.O. 2280-"Where protection is not already of the dimensions therein set out work is to be immediately put in hand to comply with this order,"(Issued to Sections 6.7.18) at the earliest possible moment.  
A report to be furnished, when completed.
11. PROTECTION OF TREES. A great number of trees, wood & hedges in this Area have been destroyed by horses & mules which have been tethered to them. All ranks are to be informed of 4th. Army Standing Order No.1097 & Os.C. will ensure that the latter part of this Order is adhered to. Particular attention is to be drawn to this Order at all wagon lines.

(Signed) J.Gleeson, Captain.

Adj. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

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ROUTINE ORDER. No 511.

By Lieut-Colonel H.V. VERNON, D.S.O., Commanding.

France.

31st July 1918.

1. VENEREAL DISEASE. Attention is called to K Rs 462, regarding concealment of venereal disease.
2. PROMOTIONS & APPOINTMENTS. The promotion of 2nd/Lieut. C.E. Jenour to Lieutenant is notified, to date from 14.6.18.  
(Authority D.A.G., A.I.F., 151/21/318).  
No 1954 Tem/Sergeant Eddy G.H. to be Sergeant. 31/7/18.  
No 1225 Tem/Sergeant Graham W.J. to be Sergeant. 31/7/18.  
No 3683 Tem/Corporal Brown to be Corporal. 24/7/18.
3. FIRE PRECAUTIONS. In view of several fires having lately occurred in Divisional Area, attention of all Units is again directed to necessity of strictly observing G.R.O. 2717. This G.R.O. to be read out on parade once a month and posted up in billets and huts, etc.
4. BOUNDS. The village of BOVES is out of bounds to all troops except those on duty.
5. DUPLICATE ACQUITTANCE ROLL. Further to R.O. No 510, "Imprest Holders will forward their duplicate Acquittance Rolls to the Divisional Paymaster, through the Pay-Sergeant, at the expiration of ONE month from date of payment"
6. LEAVE. Until further notice, all Personnel for ENGLISH leave will proceed by the 7.30 am train from AILLY-SUR-SOMME, and not by the 4.23 pm train which has been cancelled.
7. PREVENTABLE INJURIES TO ANIMALS The number of preventable injuries occurring within the Unit is considered excessive namely;-
  1. Wounds (punctured and contused) caused by kicks.
  2. Lacerated wounds, caused by barbed wire.
  3. Harness and rope galls.
 O's C Sections are instructed that more supervision over day stablemen and night picquets must be exercised, and sufficient men must be detailed to guard animals when grazing, to prevent them from straying into barbed wire.
8. TRAFFIC ALLONVILLE-QUERRIEU Road will be closed to all other than water lorries until further orders.
9. STRUCK OFF STRENGTH No 15606 Gunner Howard W.T. transferred to 11th A.F.A. Brigade. Dated 29.7.18.
10. TAKEN ON STRENGTH Lieut. V.E. Elliston, and posted to S.A.A. Section.  
No 4901 Gunner Taylor E.W. do do  
No 708 Corporal Tessmer M.J. and posted to K.H.Q.  
Dated 29.7.18.
11. SCHOOLS The following attended the AUST. Corps Lewis Gun School.  
2033 Bbr Gebhardt A.H. marked "Very satisfactory" by G.O.C., Div.  
1890 A/Bbr George L.A. Passed.  
3105 A/Bbr Farrington L. "  
2076 A/Bbr Robb B.J. "
12. AWARDS The following two Drivers in ~~the S.A.A.~~ Section, attached to Medium Trench Mortar Batteries, have been awarded the Military Medal.  
No 2656 Driver C. Giltrow.  
No 29774 Driver H.H. Richards.  
No. 2  
"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

Routine Order No 511. continued.

12. AWARDS  
contd

"On the night 4th/5th July 1918, when driving their team of mules attached to a G.S. wagon loaded with trench mortar bombs, in the rear of HAMEL, the enemy placed a heavy barrage on all roads in the vicinity. A wagon immediately in front of them was blown off the ~~the~~ road, drivers and horses being casualties. With great coolness and presence of mind they drove their team a little off the road and remained standing by their mules for 1½ hours under heavy fire, awaiting instructions from a guide who had gone forward to receive instructions from an Officer."

(signed) E.G. Sinclair MacLagan Major-General.  
Commanding 4th Australian Division.

(Authority, 4th Aust. Div. ROUTINE ORDER No 2146.13.7.18).  
The C.R.A. and C.O., convey their congratulations.

*[Handwritten signature]*

(signed) J. Gleeson Capt.  
Adjutant. 4th Aust. D.A.C.

APPENDIX 28

4th AUST. D. A. C.OFFICERS GRADATION LIST. 25th JULY 1918.

Rank	Name	To D.A.C.	Present rank.
Lieut-Colonel	H.V.Vernon, D.S.O.	15.4.16	( 16.10.16 ( 30. 5.16
Captain	O.E.Aikins	16.2.18	21. 1.17
"	A.S.Ford	13.3.18	1. 9.17
"	J.Gleeson	30.8.17	10. 1.18
"	H.S.Davey	11.9.17	13.5. 18
Lieutenant	H.H.McKeown	25.1.17	1. 10. 16
X "	F.F.Florance	15.12.17	1 .8. 17 to 10 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>nd</sup> 26.7.18
"	J.S.V.Mein	17.9.17	28.9. 17
X "	✓ G. Elliston G.C.Garvin	29.7.18 16.7.18	10 11 17 6 .1. 18 to 11 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>nd</sup> 27.7.18
X. "	N.Hely	24.12.17	1. 2.18 to 11 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>nd</sup> 26.7.18
"	F.Hutchinson	16.7.18	.6. 18
"	E.A.F.Smith	24.7.18	.6.18 to 11 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>nd</sup> 26.7.18
2nd/Lieut.	C.H.Stanwix	2.5.18	1 .1. 17
X "	C.E.Begg	2.5.18	1 .4.17 to 11 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>nd</sup> 26.7.18
X "	R.C.Cumming	14.5.18	1 .5. 17 to 10 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>nd</sup> 26.7.18
"	C.J.Turner	15.5.18	24.11.17
Lieut	C.E.Jenour	24.7.18	14.6. 18
2/Lt	L.M.McLean	"	22.5. 18 Leave England.
"	C.H.Godebye	"	" School. Vet.
"	G.D.Heathorn	27.7.18	" Vet Sch 1 mo.

ATTACHED.

Captain	H.Calvert (Horsemaster )	.4.17
"	C.P.Heatley No 11 Dental Unit.	5.12.17
" (Chap)	Hoare	14. 5.18
"	Tilling A.A.M.C.	. 5.18