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War Diary

of

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

For.

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C.O.,

4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Dec. 1st.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather frost, fine. D.A.C. Church parade during the morning.	
	Dec. 2nd.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather frosty, fine. D.A.C. Sports Committee hold meeting and draw up programme of events (attached appendices) Full advantage is to be taken to encourage sport during present period of inaction.	app 1.
	Dec 3rd.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather dull, cold. 11 other ranks proceed to AVESNES en route for AUSTRALIA for early demobilisation. These men embarked from AUSTRALIA during January & February 1915. Included in them S/Sgt. McMahon of D.A.C. H.Q. office Bdr. Graham posted to H.Q. from S.A.A. Section to take over S/Sgts duties. Orders issued to No 1 & 2 Sections to salve SEMERIES area. 2/Lieut W.R. Raper reported from Base and posted to No 2 Section	app 2. (a)
	Dec. 4th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather showery. 130 tins tobacco received from Unit Comforts fund and distributed to Sections. Issued Warning Order No 1 to March Order No 3. 6 reinforcements arrived from A.G.B.D. and posted to Sections. Visited No 1 & 2 Sections during the morning and found every thing in order.	app 3
	Dec 5th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather fine. 1 reinforcement marched in from hospital and posted to Section.	
	Dec 6th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather fine.	
	Dec 7th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather fine 3 O/Rs proceed to A.I.F. H.Q. London to take up clerical duties.	
	Dec 8th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather fine. 52 other ranks arrived as reinforcements from Base and posted to Sections.	
	Dec 9th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather showery. 15 other ranks arrived as reinforcements from Base and posted to Sections.	
	Dec 10th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather showery. 4 other ranks arrived as reinforcements from Base and posted to Sections. 39 other ranks transferred to 10th & 11th Brigades.	
	Dec 11th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather showery. 4 other ranks arrived as reinforcements from Base and posted to Sections. 13 other ranks transferred to 10th & 11th Brigades. Lieut. C.H. Godebye proceeded on U.K. leave. Issued instruction No 1 to March Order No 3.	app 4
	Dec. 12th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather showery. Issued March order No 3.	app 5.
	Dec. 13th.		<u>SEMERIES.</u> Weather showery. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) move to RANCE as per March Order No 3 Progress on roads very slow owing to hilly roads. Column reached RANCE at 1600. Billets obtained for all ranks. Issued Instruction No 2 to March Order No 3. Lieut. Primrose and staff remain at SEMERIES to hand over billets to incoming units.	app 6.

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				Page 2 of December 1918
	Dec. 14th. Weather showery. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) move to PHILIPPEVILLE as per Instruct: No 2 to March Order No 3 Good billets obtained for all ranks in PHILIPPEVILLE Issued Instruction No 3 to March Order No 3			
	Dec. 15th. Weather fine. D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) move as per Instruction No 3 to March Order No 3. D.A.C.H.Q. & No 2 Section billeted in BIESMEREE No 1 Section billeted in STAVE. Good billets obtained for personnel. Billets allotted in BIESMEREE for S.A.A. Section who are expected to report back to Unit during the next few days. Lieut. Primrose and Staff report back to Unit and take over duties in present villages occupied by Unit. Capt. H. McKeown returns from U.K. leave.			
	Dec. 16th. BIESMEREE. Weather fine. Programme of training, recreation and Education for period ending 29th. inst. submitted to D.A.H.Q. Lieut. C.L. Campbell proceeded on Paris leave.			
	Dec. 17th. BIESMEREE. Weather showery. I Sub-Section, S.A.A. Section report back to Unit from 4th. A.I. Bde. During the afternoon I visited No 1 Section at STAVE. Personnel have good billets and all animals are stabled.			
	Dec. 18th. BIESMEREE. Weather showery. J. Sub-Section S.A.A. Section report back to Unit from 12th. A.I. Bde.			
	Dec. 19th. BIESMEREE. Weather showery. K Sub-Section, S.A.A. Section report back to Unit from 13th. A.I. Bde. Subalterns of D.A.C. attend conference at D.A.H.Q.			
	Dec. 20th. BIESMEREE. Weather showery.			
	Dec. 21st. BIESMEREE. Weather fine. D.A.C. sports committee hold meeting and arrange programme of Football and Sports Meeting. Sgt. Graham H.Q. office promoted S/Sgt.			
	Dec. 22nd. BIESMEREE. Weather fine, cold. 10 G.S. Wagons & teams report to 14th. Co. A.A.S.C. CORENNE to assist in drawing supplies.			
	Dec. 23rd. BIESMEREE. Weather showery. I visited S.A.A. Section during the morning and found men had good billets and all animals were under cover.			
	Dec. 24th. BIESMEREE. Weather fine, frosty.			
	Dec. 25th. BIESMEREE. Weather fine. All Sections held a Christmas dinner for men. Good buildings with ample seating accommodation helped to make the dinner a great success. A holiday was granted with the exception of stable hours.			
	Dec. 26th. BIESMEREE. Weather fine, frosty. Lieut. J. Mein proceeds on leave to BOULOGNE. 1 officer & 6 other ranks proceed on 24 hours leave to CHARIEROI.			
	Dec. 27th. BIESMEREE. Weather showery. Issued K 110/12 to Sections re Ammunition dumped at LIESSIES. Same is to be brought forward by motor lorry.			

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			Dec. 28th. <u>BIESMERE</u> . Weather showery. 1 draft conductin N.C.O. proceeded with 7 other ranks to A.G.B.D. Party embarked from AUSTRALIA before May 1915 and are for early return there. Issued instructions No 121/12 to Sections re Salvage of enemy stores and ammunition in this area. Motor lorry with 232 rounds AX arrived from LIESSIES. <i>App 11.</i>	
			Dec. 29th. <u>BIESMERE</u> Weather showery. Lieut. C.H. Godebye returned from U.K. leave.	
			Dec. 30th. <u>BIESMERE</u> . Weather fine. Motor lorry with 232 rounds AX arrived from LIESSIES.	
			Dec. 31st. <u>BIESMERE</u> . Weather fine. Authority granted by D.A.H.Q. for 8 other ranks to proceed daily to CHARLEROI on 24 hours leave Officer or N.C.O. to be supplied every third day to go in charge of Divisional Artillery personnel proceeding on leave to CHARLEROI. <i>App.</i>	

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FOURTH AUST. DIV. AMMN. COLUMN.

for

DECEMBER 1918.

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MINUTES of the 1st. MEETING of D. A. C. SPORTS COMMITTEE held at D.A.C.Hq.
2nd. December 1918.

A Committee selected from Brigades and D. A. C. - each one representative - met on the 1st. instant and decided to carry out
OO (a) A Rugby Competition.
VI (b) An Australian Rules Competition.
(c) A Rifle Competition.

Section representative held a meeting on the 2nd. instant and decided on the following :-

It has been decided ~~that~~ to run a Rugby and an Australian Rules Competition between Sections and Hq. with a view to selecting a D. A. C. team for each of the above competitions for the Div. Arty. Competition. Each Section will have two teams viz. :-
(a) A Rugby team
and (b) An Australian Rules team.

It was proposed that Hq. play with the S.A.A. Section in Rugby. It was also proposed that each Section appoint one Representative to constitute a Selection Committee for the D. A. C. for Rugby. For Australian Rules a Committee of five is to be selected :- Two from Hq. and one from each Section.

It was decided that one round be played and then a "possible" and "probable" match.
Australian Rules to be played on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Rugby to be played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
Competitions to commence on Wednesday the 4th. instant with Rugby. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections to play on Wednesday (Rugby) S.A.A. Section referee.

No. 2 Section to play Hq. on Friday (Rugby) No. 1 Section referee.
Hq. and No. 1 Section on Monday (Rugby) No. 2 Section referee.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

Commencing on Thursday 5th. instant.
No. 1 Section and No. 2 Section - Thursday 5th. Hq. to referee.
No. 2 Section and Hq. Saturday 7th. instant. No. 1 Section to referee.
No. 1 Section and Hq. Tuesday 10th. No. 2 Section to referee.

REFEREES.

Each Section and Hq. will appoint one referee for Rugby and one for Australian Rules. The Section or Hq. not playing will ~~refer~~ appoint the referee for the match between the other Sections.

HOOR OF STARTING.

All matches will commence at 1330.

DURATION OF MATCHES.

Rugby :- 30 minutes each half.
5 minutes interval.
Australian Rules :- 20 minutes each quarter.
5 minutes interval.
Change over each quarter.

RIFLE COMPETITION.

Div Arty. Committee are arranging for a rifle Shooting Competition; but D. A. C. Committee considered it advisable to defer the matter until more information is available concerning S.A.A.

CONDITIONS.

The following conditions regarding the Rifle Competition are to be complied with :-
(a) Teams to consist of 8 men.
(b) Each man to fire 8 shots per minute at target (6" bull) at 300 yds.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the D. A. C. Sports Committee will be held at D.A.C.Hq. on Wednesday, 4th. instant, as soon as the match is over.

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Fluenn Captain,
Adjt., 4th. Aust. D.A.C.

4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

Headquarters,

3rd. December 1918.

O.C.

No. 1 Section
No. 2 SectionSALVAGE.

The 4th. Aust. D. A. C. is responsible for salvaging the SEMERIES Area. Work will commence immediately, as many troops as possible being used.

The area will be sub-divided amongst Sections as shown on attached tracing. Boundaries are shown in RED.

The work will be carried out systematically and all classes of Salvage will be collected and stacked in as few heaps as possible which must be on main roads.

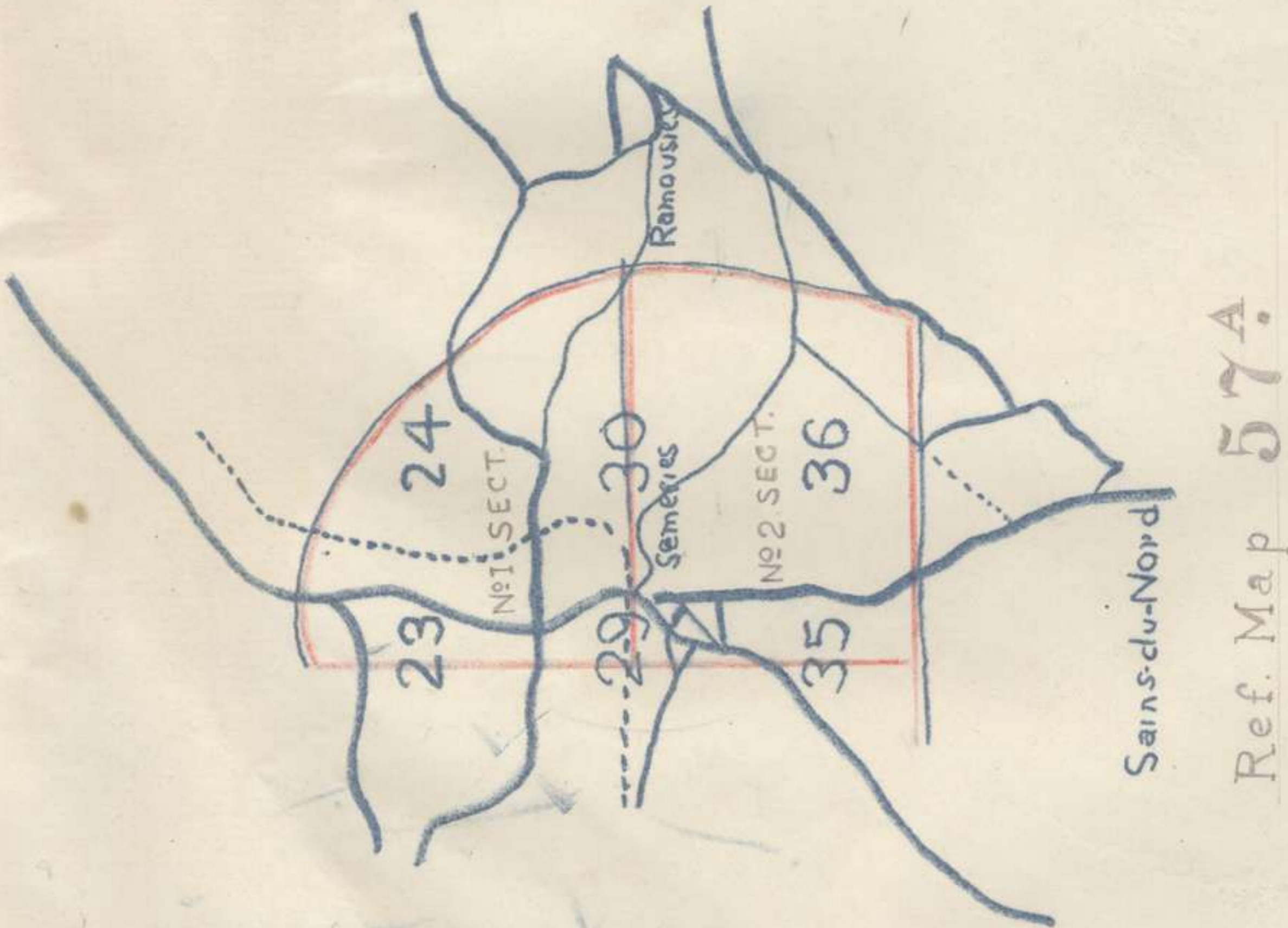
The location of dumps and contents will be forwarded to these Hqrs. by 1800 daily.

All dead horses and mules will be buried.

Report on completion to be made to these Hqrs.

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Captain,
Adjt., 4th. Aust. D.A.C.



4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

Headquzrters,
8th December 1918

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4th. Aust. D.A.H.Q.

Reference your G. 5/1049/1. of the 7th instant.

Herewith list of material salved by this unit.

2500 Picks
1500 Shovels
50 Rolls plain wire
2 Trench Mortars
1 Steam Engine, portable
700 Rds. 4.2" ammn.
300 Rds. 5.9" ammn
900 E.C.C.

Location :- SEMERIES RAILWAY STATION.

Heuson Captain,
Adjt., 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

4th. Aust. Div. Admin. Column

Warning Order No. 1 to March Order No. 3.

By. Major A.S. Ford.
 FRANCE.

Commanding,
 5th. December 1918.

REFERENCE SHEET. NAMUR 1/100,000.

1. The 4th. Australian Division plus the 104th. Army Brigade R.F.A. is to move to the MEUSE Area at an early date.
2. For the purpose of the move to the 4th. Aust. Division Artillery Group will remain as at present constituted.
3. The move will be carried out in accordance with the provisional MOVE TABLE ~~overleaf~~ hereunder.
4. Detailed orders will be issued later.
5. MOVE TABLE. (PROVISIONAL)

Date.	From	To	Remarks.
"A" DAY	RAMOUSIES Sub-Area.	FRANCE, FROIDCHAPELLE: PHILIPPEVILLE:	Via SIVRY.
"B" DAY	FROIDCHAPELLE	VODECEE, VILLERS LE GAMBON	
"C" DAY	PHILIPPEVILLE	ROSEE FLAVION MORVILLE ETC.	

J. Green Captain.
 Adjt., 4th. Aust. D.A.C.

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Warning Order No.1. to 4th.Aust.D.A.C. March Order No.3.

By Major A.S.Ford
FRANCE

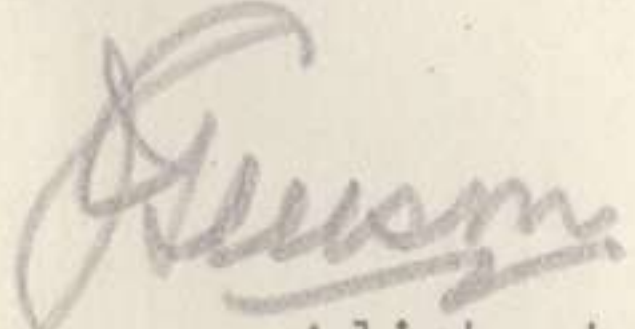
Commanding,
11th.December 1918.

Billeting parties will report to the Staff Captain, 4th.Aust.
Div.Arty. asx follows:-

- (a) The CHURCH, RANCE at 1300, 12th.
- (b) CENTRAL PLACE, PHILIPPEVILLE at 1200, 13th.
- (c) The CHURCH, ROSEE at 1200, 14th.

The billeting party will consist of Lieut. Jenour, 3 other ranks from No 1
Section and 1 N.C.O. and three other ranks from No 2 Section.
Capt. Calvert will accompany the party to select billets for Headquarters.

The party will assemble at D.A.C. Headquarters at 0845 on 12th instant.
72 hours rations will be carried.

 Captain,
Adjutant,

4th.Aust.Div.Ammn.Column

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March Order No. 3.

By Major A.S. Ford,
INCE

Commanding,
12th. December 1918

REFERENCE MAP.

No 8 NAMUR 1/100,000

MOVE.

The 4th. Aust. Divisional Artillery (plus 104th. Army Brigade R.F.A.) moves to the Meuse Area between ~~between~~ 13th. and 17th. December both dates inclusive.

Transport.

Nos 1 and 2 Sections will each send for use of Brigades on March 5 G.S. Wagons to 10th & 11th. Brigades respectively. Wagons to report to Brigade Headquarters by 4.P.M. on 12th inst. and return to D.A.C. on afternoon of 15th inst.

SYNCHRONISATION.

An officer from each Section will visit these Headquarters at 4.P.M. tonight for the purpose of synchronisation.

MARCH TABLE.

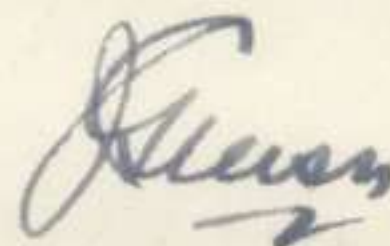
The D.A.C. (less S.A.A. Section) will march in accordance with accompanying March Table.

LOCATION.

The 4th. Aust. D.A.H.Q. closes at LIESSIES at 0900 on 14th. instant and reopens same day on arrival at CHATEAU situated at 4 J 1878

MARCH DISCIPLINE.

Attention is directed to "Notes on March Discipline" Fourth Army No G.S. 128 dated 15th. November 1918.



Captain,

Adjutant,

4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

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MARCH TABLE (To accompany March Order No 3)

Date	Unit	Starting Point	Pass at	Leave Billets	Route	Destination	Remarks
13th. Decr.	Headquarters No 1 Section No 2 Section	Church •SEMERIES	09 30	0928 0933 0940	TOUVENT- EPPE SAUVAGE- MONTBLIART	RANCE FROIDCHAPELLE	
14th. Dcer.	Headquarters No 1 Section No 2 Section	To be notified later	To be notified later		CERFONTAINE- SENZEILLE- VILLERS DEUX EGLISES	PHILIPPEVILLE, VILLER-LE- CAMBON	Column must no enter PHILIPPEVILLE before 12.15
15th. Decr.	Headquarters No 1 Section No 2 Section	To be notified later	To be notified later		ROSEE	STAVE	Column is not to enter ROSEE before 12.15 Column must be clear of PHILIPPEVILLE by 11.15

Staves Cape

Instruction No. 2 to. March Order No. 3.

FRANCE?
13. December 1918.

By Major A.S. Ford,
Commanding.

1. ORDER OF MARCH.

The order of March on the 14th instant will be as follows :-
Headquarters ; No. 2 Section ; No. 1 Section.

2. MARCH TABLE.

Unit.	D A C Starting Point.	Hour of Passing.	Remarks.
Headquarters.	5 D 40 73	1030	D A C will not move
No. 2 Section.		1033	on to main road FRANCE
No. 1 Section.		1040	until 104th. Bde R.F.A. is clear.

App. 6.

Fulton
Adj. Capt., 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column. Captain,

Instruction No. 3 to March Order No. 3.FRANCE,
14th. December 1918.By Major A.S. Ford,
Commanding.1. ORDER OF MARCH.The order of march for the 15th. instant will be as follows :-
Headquarters ; No. 1 Section ; No. 2 Section.2. MARCH TABLE.

Unit	D A C Starting Point.	Hour of Passing	Remarks
Headquarters	Cross Roads	0955	Sections will not
No. 1 Section	4 G 60 40	0959	move on to main road:
No. 2 Section		1006	PHILIPPEVILLE until
			104th. Bde R.F.A.
			is clear.

App. 7.

F. H. H. H.
Adjt., 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column. Captain,

MORNING		AFTERNOON	EVENING
0700 to 0800	0930 to 1230	1400 to 1630	1900 to 2100
Morning Stables - Grooming etc.	Inspection of personnel: Exercising of animals - Foot Parade - Cleaning of Harness and Vehicles - Midday Stables.	From 16th. to 23rd. instant. Cleaning of Harness and Vehicles - Afternoon Stables: From 24th. to 29th. instant. 1400 to 1530. Recreational Training Pro- gramme to be drawn up by Sports Committee. (Sports to include Rugby, Australian and British Association Football matches:	Educational Training - Programme of work to be arranged by Education Officer.

Alford Major,

C.O., 4th. Aust. Div. Amm. Column.

4th. Aust. D.A.C.

16th. December 1918.

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MINUTES of the 3rd. MEETING of the 4th. AUST. D. A. C. SPORTS COMMITTEE
held at D.A.C.Hq. on the 21.12.18.

PROGRAMME.

It was proposed by Lt. Primrose that a programme of football, Australian Rules and Rugby to be played on alternate days, be drawn up to commence from Monday, 23rd. December 1918
Seconded by Cpl. Jenkins. Carried.

The following is the programme decided upon.

Monday 23rd.	Australian Rules	S.A.A. v. No. 2.
Tuesday 24th.	Rugby	Hq. & S.A.A. v. No. 1
Wednesday 25th.	Australian Rules	Hq. v. No. 1.
Thursday 26th.	Rugby	No. 1 v. No. 2.
Friday 27th.	Australian Rules	S.A.A. v. No. 1.
Saturday 28th.	Rugby	No. 2. v. Hq. & S.A.A.
Monday 30th.	Australian Rules	No. 2 v. Hq.

GROUND.

It was proposed by Lt. Raper that the field by the Monument on the road to STAVE be selected as a D. A. C. Regimental Ground for all matches, Rugby or Australian Rules, unless the teams concerned agree to play on another ground but the committee must be notified.

Seconded by Dvr. Green A.R. Carried.

UMPIRES.

<u>Australian Rules.</u>		<u>Rugby.</u>	
Hq.	Dvr Green A.R.	Hq.	Dvr Schofield
No. 1.	Cpl. Laver J.	No. 1.	Lt. Primrose.
No. 2.	Cpl. Brown	No. 2.	Gnr. Hughes F.
S.A.A.	Dvr. Gemmill A.	S.A.A.	Lt. Turner C.J.

TIME.

All football matches commence at 13.30.

SPORTS.

It was agreed that a Sports Meeting be held on New Year's Day, Wednesday, 1st. January 1919.
Commencing at 1300, the programme will be carried out as follows :-

Event No. 1.	100 yds. Handicap	Entrance fee 2 fr.
" " 2.	Running Hop, Step and Jump.	" " 1 fr.
" " 3.	120 yds. Hurdle Race (5 Hurdles-3 ft.)	" " 2 fr.
" " 4.	Musical Chairs on Mules	Post Entry.
" " 5.	Fancy Dress Parade. Prize - Best sustained Character.	Entrance fee 2 fr.
" " 6.	D. A. C. 100 yds Championship.	Entrance-Post Entry
" " 7.	Obstacle Race	Entrance fee 1 fr.
" " 8.	Tug-of-war on Mules (5 Mules) per team	" " 5 fr.
" " 9.	440 yds. Handicap	Entrance fee 2 fr.
" " 10.	Potato Race, dismounted	" " 1 fr.
" " 11.	Siamese Race per pair	" " 2 fr.
" " 12.	75 yds. Handicap for Officers	" " 10 fr.

ENTRIES.

Entries close on midday 30th. December 1918.
Entries to be handed to Committee men in Sections

OFFICIALS.

Starter. :- Capt. J. Gleeson.

Judges :- Major A.S.Ford, and Os. C. Sections

Handicappers :- Capt. J. Gleeson, Cpl. Laver, Cpl. Jenkins and Cpl. Deegan.

J. Gleeson
Adjt., 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column. Captain.

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Headquarters,
28th December 1918.

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O.C.
No. 1 Section.
No. 2 Section.

Commencing on the 27th. instant a Motor Lorry will ply between LIESSIES and BIESMEREE for the purpose of conveying ammunition from the former to the latter place. The first load will arrive on the 28th and thereafter every other day No. 2 Section will arrange to ration one driver on the 28th Dec. and 1st. Jan. and No. 1 Section on the 30th. Dec.

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No. <i>R110/12</i>
Date.....

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J. Green Captain,
Adjt., 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

No. 1 Section
 No. 2 Section
 S.A.A. Section.

H.Q. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	K12/12.
Date

Headquarters,
 28th. December 1918.

SALVAGE.

In accordance with D.A.Memo. G. 10/299, the area as per attached tracing is allotted to the 4th Aust. D. A. C. for salving purposes. Areas allotted to Sections will be thoroughly inspected by an Officer of the Section who will also supervise the work of salving in his area. All available personnel are to be put on to the work of salving.

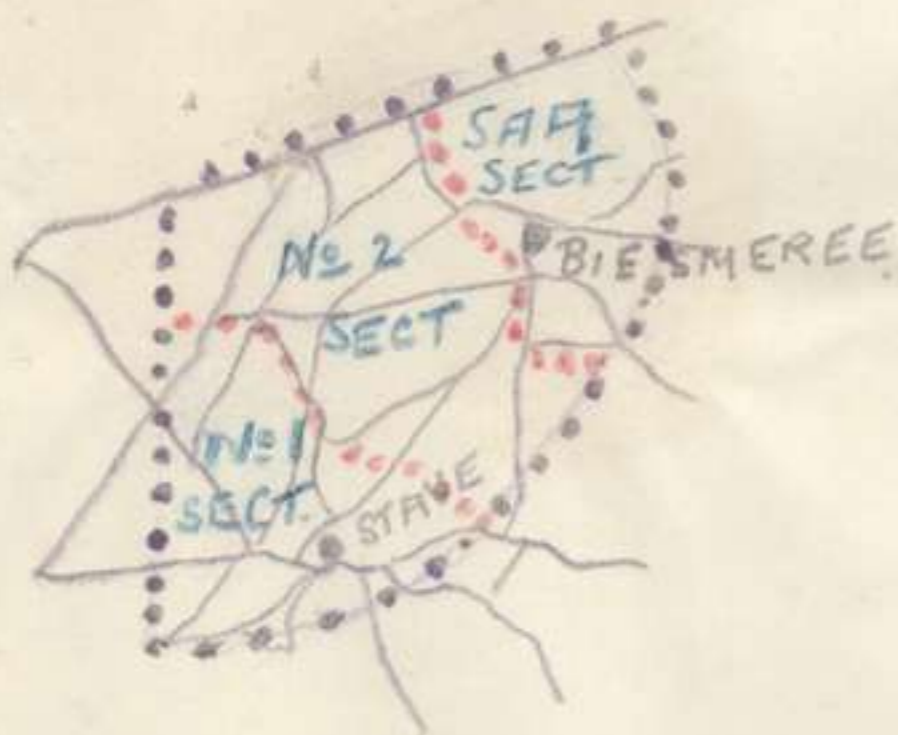
The Dump of the Unit is located at STAVE Rly. Station, NAMUR Map 1/100,000 3 H 35 87. where all material salved will be dumped, various classes to be put in separate heaps.

Returns of material salved will be forwarded to reach this office by 4.p.m. on each Monday. Motor Lorries, Guns etc. that cannot be moved will be shown on this return & the exact Map location given. Any G.S. Wagons salved will be shown on this return, and may be used for salvage work.

A copy of instructions with regard to material captured, ceded & abandoned will be forwarded later.

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Heuser
 Captain,
 Adjutant,
 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column



--- DAC BOUNDARY
 SECTION "

Definition.

Material is classified under three headings, namely :-

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- (a) "Captured" Material - All enemy material of whatever nature lying to the West of the Armistice Line of November 11th. 1918.
 - (b) "Ceded" Material - Enemy material handed over in due ~~XXXXXX~~ form under the terms of the Armistice Convention by German personnel or ~~x~~ through the medium of authorised civil Officers (Maires, Prefects etc.)
 - (c) "Abandoned" Material - All enemy material East of the Armistice Line not coming under the heading of 'Ceded' Material.
2. Information required by wire giving location, nature and estimated quantity of material taken over, stating whether taken over from German personnel or Belgian Authorities, or whether it has been captured or abandoned.
 3. Guns, Machine Guns, etc. - Guards will be posted and an ~~XXXXXX~~ inventory made and forwarded with full information as to location and condition. Copies of any receipts given and originals of any relative documents handed over by the German Personnel to accompany report.
 4. E.T. Stores, lorries and workshop machinery, Wagons and similar material of value will be treated as stores captured or abandoned. Inventories will be taken showing condition of the material to a degree of detail varying with its value.
 5. Directorates concerned will on receipt of these reports arrange for the ~~ins~~ inspection of the abandoned material, and either :-
 - (a) Classify as pure salvage - when it will be dealt with under para. 1
 - (b).
 - (b) Instruct that it be collected into Corps Dumps - See para 10.
 6. Guards should be provided with cleaning material, and be instructed to protect Guns, Machine Guns, etc., from weather by cleaning and thoroughly greasing all parts liable to rust.
 7. Corps will be responsible for guarding and care of all captured, ceded and abandoned material in their Areas, both before and after collection into Corps Dumps.
 8. In order to prevent duplication, each guard should be in possession of a signed statement showing :-
 - (a) the nature, number and quantity of stores being guarded.
 - (b) information as to whether these details have been reported, if so, to whom and when.
 9. A.H.Q. will forward information to Corps showing location and quantity of all captured, ceded and abandoned material reported in their Areas.
 10. Corps will arrange for all material, other than ammunition and material on trucks and barges to be concentrated at Corps Dumps.
 11. Sites for Corps Dumps - Must be near Railway and loading facilities for guns. Cover must be available for Machine Guns and stores liable to deteriorate.
 12. (a) Captured, ceded and abandoned stores will be parked separately.
(b) Material considered only fit for salvage will be treated as such and dealt with through normal salvage channels.
 13. Corps will report when all material in their Areas has been brought into the Corps Dumps, and will at the same time forward lists in duplicate of all material classified according to types showing captured, ceded and abandoned material.
 14. Instructions as to the disposal of material at Corps Dump will be issued later.
 15. The location and estimated quantities of captured, etc, material only valuable as salvage will be reported through normal channels to Army Salvage Officer.
 16. Returns are required as per attached list.
 17. Where material is collected into Dumps, bi-weekly returns must show new and old location, otherwise difficulty will be experienced in tracing material later on.
 18. Captured Supply Dumps.
 19. D.G.T. is responsible for disposal of and accounting for all Rolling Stock & contents, of trucks under load, Formations must provide necessary guards, and Guns, Machine Guns & T.M.'s. must be included in weekly reports.
 20. Any looted material recovered must be reported.
 21. Barges will be dealt with separately, & all returns in connexion with them will be rendered by Admin. Services & Depts. who unload the barges.
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Establishment - 15 Officers and 570 Other Ranks.

Day of Month.	Offrs.	O'Ranks	Movement	Doing duty with unit.	
				Offrs.	O'Ranks.
1st.	14	498	1 O'Rank taken on strength; Lt. Heathorne struck off strength	9	322
2nd.	14	497	1 O'Rank struck off strength	9	319
3rd.	14	486	11 O'Ranks struck off strength to Australia	9	306
4th.	14	486	2/Lt. W.R.Raper taken on strength.	9	313
5th.	15	493	7 O'Ranks taken on strength.	10	316
6th.	15	494	1 O'Rank taken on strength from Hospital.	10	308
7th.	15	491	3 O'Ranks struck off strength	10	308
8th.	15	488	3 O'Ranks struck off strength	10	304
9th.	15	540	52 O'Ranks taken on strength from Base	10	343
10th.	15	555	15 O'Ranks taken on strength from the Base.	10	356
11th.	15	519	4 O'R. taken on strength from Base. 20 O'R struck off strength to 10th. Bde; 19 O'R. struck off strength to 11th Bde. 1 O'R S.O.S.	10	320
12th.	15	510	4 O'Ranks taken on strength, 13 O'Ranks struck off strength to Bdes	9	318
13th.	15	510	Nil.	9	319
14th.	15	500	10 O'Ranks struck off strength, in Field Ambulance over 7 days.	9	315
16th.	15	499	1 O'Rank struck off strength, in Field Ambulance struck off strength	9	315
17th.	15	499	Nil.	9	310
19th.	15	500	1 O'Rank taken on strength	11	384
20th.	15	500	Nil.	11	427
21st.	15	498	2 O'Ranks struck off strength	12	426
24th.	15	500	2 O'Ranks taken on strength from Hospital	12	433
25th.	15	502	2 O'Ranks taken on strength from Hospital	12	435
26th.	15	502	Nil.	11	435
27th.	15	502	Nil.	11	433
28th.	15	498	4 O'Ranks struck off strength in Field Ambulance over 7 days.	11	433
29th.	15	491	7 O'Ranks struck off strength; retd. to Australia.	11	423
30th.	15	492	1 O'Rank taken on strength	12	424
31st.	15	492	Nil.	12	426

Average Daily Strength approx. 15 Offrs 501 O'Ranks.
 Average Daily Strength with Unit 10 Offrs 352 O'Ranks.
 Present Deficiency 78 O'Ranks.

Apr. 12.

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31st. Decemberv1918.

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4th. Aust. D. A. C.

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For your information.

Number of Sick Parades during the Month of December :-

No. 1 Section	46
No. 2 Section	114
S.A.A. Section	<u>33</u>

Total 193

Daily average 6.2
.7% of daily average strength.

Number of Evacuations :-

3 = 1.5% Sick Parade
= .4% of average strength

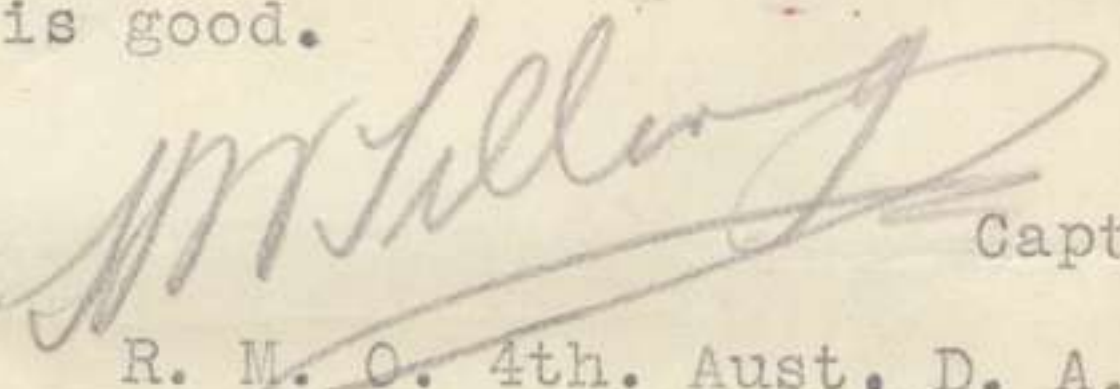
Details.

Sore Throat	1
Bomb Wound, leg	1
Orchitis	1

The above figures only apply to men on Sick Parade. The total passing through R. A. P. inclusive of Sick Parade is 293; daily average 9.4

General health of the men is good.

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Captain,
R. M. C. 4th. Aust. D. A. C.

MONTHLY REVIEW of GENERAL CONDITIONS of 4th Aust. D. A. C.

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1. HEALTH. - Good. Monthly report of R. M. O. attached to appendices.
 2. MORAL - Good
 3. DISCIPLINE.- Good. During the month, 4 cases came before me to be dealt with; 1 case A.W.L. for 6 days (overstayed U.K. Leave) was awarded 28 days F.P. No. 2.; 1 case of A.W.L. for 2 days was awarded 14 days F.P. No. 2.; 1 case "Neglecting to obey an order" was awarded 7 days F.P. No 2 : 1 case A.W.L. for 50 days was remanded for F.G.C.M.
 4. ANIMALS. Deficient at the end of November - 7 Hides 15 Mules No remounts were received during the month- The present deficiencies are 9 Hides and 18 Mules . and in addition 22 animals are in the Mobile Veterinary Section
 5. CLOTHING. Good supplies were drawn during the month and all ranks are well equipped.
 6. EQUIPMENT. Complete No difficulty experienced in obtaining supplies.
 7. ORDNANCE. Wagons up to Strength.
 8. REINFORCEMENTS. 1 Officer and 72 other ranks were taken on strength from Base and 14 rejoined from Hospital. Of the above 52 other ranks marched out of Brigades.
 9. LEAVE. 33 leave passes were granted during the month including 3 officers (and 8 other ranks to Paris) 1 other rank was admitted to Hospital and has not yet returned.
 10. AMMUNITION. No issues during the month.
848 rds AX) were dumped at LIESSIES before moving to
635 " BX) BIESMERE area.

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Major,
C.O.,
4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.