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of.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.

for.

FEBRUARY 1919

Signature of Officer Compiling--- *Alford*, Major,  
Commanding Officer,  
4th Australian Divisional Ammunition Column.

Signature of Commanding Officer *Alford* Major,

WAR DIARY  
or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Feb. 1st.	<u>BIESMEREE.</u> Fine very cold frosty Snow. D.A. G5/3 instructss an officer to be detailed to take over Town Major duties of EMERTON FURNAUX from Lieut. Hill 104th Army Brigade R.F.A. 2/Lieut. H.W. Nicholls No 2 Section instructed to take over the duties. Lieut. Nicholls reported to 104th Bde. was instructed that handing over would take place on 3.2.19. Motor Lorry sent to NAMUR with party 1 Offr. 14 other ranks on leave to return on 2.2.19 All animals Headquarters and S.A.A. Section except "X" class malleined by Capt. Bishop A.A.V.C. Gnr. Holmes (Instructor Educational Scheme) & Gnr. Green proceeded to England for return to Australia as University Students.
Feb. 2nd.	<u>BIESMEREE.</u> Fine very cold frosty Snow. Capt. King reported and took over No 1 Section from 2/Lieut. Raper. Party in Motor Lorry returned from NAMUR about 11.30 a.m. Lorry Driver was instructed to report to 10th F.A. Bde. at once. Capt. Calvert Horsemaster attached reported back from leave to U.K.
Feb. 3rd.	<u>BIESMEREE</u> Fine cold frosty Snow. Lieut. Raper appointed a/Adjutant Instructions received from V.O. that an inspection of all animals with Ophthalmia or Blindness and all animals suffering from <del>XXXXXXXX</del> lameness would be inspected on 4th and marked "V" on near shoulder. These animals would be sent to M.V.S. for sale as carcasses.
Feb. 4th.	<u>BIESMEREE.</u> Fine cold frosty Snow. Capt. Bishop A.A.V.C. inspected all animals of unit for ophthalmia Blindness and all animals for lame lameness which were branded V on near shoulder.
Feb. 5th.	<u>BIESMEREE.</u> Fine cold snow. Lieut. Mein returned from HAVRE where he had conducted No 6 Draft to. 2/Lieut. Burns & Nottage reported from Base and posted to No 1 Section.
Feb. 6th.	<u>BIESMEREE</u> Fine cold. Inspected No 1 Section All correct Harness & Equipment clean Animals looking well Received D.A. G 11/159 with instructions to return 8 A.L. Wagons & 48 sets harness & 4 sets saddlery from each of Nos 1 & 2 Sections All to be sent to CHATELINEAU to be entrained at 0800 & finished by 1400 o llinst.
Feb 7th.	<u>BIESMEREE.</u> Fine cold. D.A. G11/159/1 received amendments to D.A. G 11/15 re packing equipment. German prisoner of War handed over from 104th Army Bde R.F.A. EMERTON stated to have escaped from ROISEL (France) Paraded Headquarters, Nos 2 & S.A.A. Sections for inspection by Forest Guard to identify man seen shooting game with civilian.
Feb. 8th.	<u>BIESMEREE</u> Fine cold. D.A. G11/159/1 with instructions for march for Party returning Wagons etc on 11th inst. Issued K 40/2 instructions for sections re Wagons etc. being returned. Visited STAVE and arranged billets for 11th Bde. Party with Officer and interpretor from 11th Brigade. German prisoner handed AP.M. (4th Aust. Div.)
Feb 9th.	<u>BIESMEREE.</u> Fine cold Lieut. Cramp proceeded to PARIS on leave.
Feb. 10th.	<u>BIESMEREE</u> Fine cold. Parties from Nos 1 & 2 Sections marched out to CHATELINEAU with wagons Harness & Equipment for return to Ordnance as per D.A. G11/159. G11/182 received from D.A. instru

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Remarks and references to Appendices	Summary of Events and Information	Hour	Date	Place
	Feb 10th cont. instructing all "Y" horses to be sent to the Base Remount Depot, Calais; staying at Ermerton on the night 11/12 and proceeding to MARCIENNE-AU-PONT on the 12th. inst. Lieut Witherden Sgt. Sutton and 8 other ranks as conducting party accompanied wagons to Base, Calais.			
	Feb 11th. Biesmerree, fine, cold. 28 horses "Y" class left for Calais staying at Ermerton night 11/12. Animals inspected by V.O. and two were returned to Unit owing to Ophthalmia. 26 proceeded to Calais. 2/Lieut Blake in charge with 1 Cpl and 7 O.Rs. proceeded to Calais as conducting party.			
	Feb 12th. Biesmerree, fine, cold, Capt. Tilling R.M.O. and Lt. Campbell No 1 Section returned from leave to U.K. Capt Parramore A/R.M.O. during absence on leave of Capt Tilling returned to 4th Field Amb. Florennes. Memo from Vet. Officer to have all "X" class animals ready for malleining at 1000 on the 13th. inst. D.A. G1/330 instructing that Areas I?J?&K be reconnoitred for Battery positions and other information for tactical purposes from Field Artillery point of view. Sections allotted I, J, & K to No 1 Section, No 2 Section and S.A.A. Section. Memo from D.A. G5/8 regarding evacuation of foundry at Biesmerree in order that place may be put into working order.			
	Feb 13th. Biesmerree, fine, cold. Orders from D.A. with instruction to return another 8 wagons from each of Nos. 1 and 2 Sections on the 15th inst. Memo from D.A. instructing that all available "Y" class horses to be sent to Calais on the 15th inst. 6 horses sent.			
	Feb 14th. Biesmerree fine, raining. 8 wagons of No 2 Section proceeded to Stave staying there on route to Chatelneau for return to Calais. Ammunition in wagons dumped at Stave. C.O. Major Ford returned from leave from U.K. and reassumes command.			
	Feb 15th. Biesmerree. Fine, start of thaw. Received instructions re disposal of ammunition and issued K89/2 to Sections. Instructions issued to Sections re sale of "X" class mules and "Z" class horse K88/2. Received warning instructions that remaining 16 amm. wagons 12 G.S.W. and 15 L.G.S. wagons would be returned to base at an early date, and remaining G.S. wagons would be distributed through Units of Divisional Artillery. Further 6 "Y" class horses left for Calais under charge of 1 N.C.O. and 2 O.Rs. 8 ammunition wagons from each of No 1 and 2 Sections, 48 sets of harness and 7 sets of saddles left for Chatelneau en route for Calais. 2/Lieut Nottage 1 Sgt and 8 O.Rs, accompanied as conducting party C.R.A. attended and presented medallions to members of winning team in Divisional Artillery Football Competition (Aust. Rules)			
	Feb 16th. Biesmerree weather fine. 24 G.S. wagons under charge of Officer reported to R.S.O. railhead to transport rations to Dump at Corenne (Owing to adoption of thaw precautions). This duty is to continue daily until thaw precautions are withdrawn.			
	Feb 17th. Biesmerree weather fine. Number of vehicles for railhead transport reduced from 24 to 20. Issued K100/2 to Sections re sale of horses and mules. 2/Lieut A.D.L. Gibson proceeded on leave to Paris.			
	Feb 18th. Biesmerree weather fine. Mules and horses for sale as per K88/2 & K104/2 proceeded to Florennes. Number of vehicles for railhead transport reduced to 8. Submitted report to D.A. on reconnaissance of this Area as per K109/2. Issued K103/2 to Sections re Quota No 13 for demobilisation of 1 Officer 8 N.C.Os and 78 O.Rs.			
	Feb 19th. Biesmerree weather dull. 26 wagons reported to Florennes railhead for duty. Issued K164/2 and 4th D.A. G11/159/5&6 to Sections re return to D.A.D.O.S.			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Feb. 19th. cont. D.A.D.O.S. of vehicles and equipment. Medical board held for Quo ta No.13 as per K153/2 para 5. Received orders from 4th. DA that thaw precautions are to cease from midnight tonight. Issued 4th. D.A. G11/159/7 to Sections. <i>app 7.</i>	
			Feb. 20. Biesmerée. Weather fine. Sale of animals as per K88/2 and K104/2 held at Florennes. 22 horses and 17 mules being disposed of.	
			Feb. 21. Biesmerée Weather fine. Reference G11/159/7 of 19th. inst. issued instructions to Nos. 1 & 2 Sections that lorry would call for harness at 0900 on 22nd. inst.	
			Feb. 22. Biesmerée. Weather showery. Issued K G230 to Sections re disposal of "X" class horses. Issued K G231 to SAA Section detailing 10 teams to proceed to D.A.D.O.S. CHATLINEAU. <i>app 8</i>	
			Feb. 23. Biesmerée. Weather fine. Lt. C.R. Cramp returned from Paris leave.	
			Feb. 24. Biesmerée Weather fine. Cpt. H.H. Calvert Horsemaster (attached) proceeds to England for demobilization. 6 O'Ranks report to 4th. M.G. Btn. at Anserenne to play with Div. Aust. rule football team.	
			Feb. 25. Biesmerée Weather fine.	
			Feb. 26. Biesmerée Weather fine. Advised No. 1 Section re return of ammunition from Stave dump. K G256. <i>app 10</i>	
			Feb. 27. Biesmerée Weather fine. Issued K209/2 to SAA Section re five G.S. Wagons and teams to be attached to 4th. M.G. Btn. S/Sgt. Graham proceeded on leave to U.K. <i>app 11</i>	
			Feb. 28. Biesmerée Weather fine Issued K218/2 to Sections re sale of "Z" class animals at Dinant on 5.3.19. Issued orders to Sections that T.M. personnel attached would be taken on strength. <i>app 12.</i>	

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| Appendix | No | 1    | Wagons to be returned to Base Ordnance.  |
| "        | "  | 2.   | (a) Further batch of Wagons & Equipment to Base Ordnance.                                  |
| "        | "  | 1(b) | March Table & D.A.Memo G 11/159/3  |
| "        | "  | 2    | Ammunition to be dumped at STAVE.  |
| "        | "  | 3    | Sale of "X" Class horses at FLORENNES  |
| "        | "  | 4    | " " " " " " "  |
| "        | "  | 4    | (a) Reports on Reconnaissance of this area.  |
| "        | "  | 5    | Detailing Quota 13 for Demobilisation.   |
| "        | "  | 6    | Remainder of Vehicles and Equipment of Nos 1 & 2 Sections to be returned to Base Ordnance. |
| "        | "  | 6(a) | D.A. Memo G 11/159/5   |
| "        | "  | 6(b) | D.A.Memo G 11/159/6  |
| "        | "  | 7    | D.A.Memo G 11/159/7  |
| "        | "  | 8    | Horses to be sent to Base  |
| "        | "  | 9    | Detail for teams to be sent to CHATELINEAU for loading vehicles.                           |
| "        | "  | 10   | Lorries for removing ammunition from 4th Aust.Div. Arty Ammunition Dump.                   |
| "        | "  | 11   | L.G.S. Wagons to be sent to 4th Aust.Machine Gun Btn.                                      |
| "        | "  | 12   | Sale of "Z" Class Mules at DINANT.   |
| "        | "  | 13   | Movement in Strength during the month.   |
| "        | "  | 14   | R.M.O's Monthly Report.  |
| "        | "  | 15   | Education Officer's report on the work for the month.                                      |
| "        | "  | 16   | Monthly Review of the General Conditions of 4th Aust. Div.Ammn.Column.                     |

28.2.19

O.C. No 1 Section.

No. 2 Section.

H.Q.	
4th AUSTRALIAN	
DIVISIONAL	
AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	K40/2
Date	8-2-19

Reference G11/159  
G11/159/1  
G11/159/2

Sections will move in accordance with March Table issued herewith.

## No.1 Section.

Wagons will march with 11th Brigade under an Officer to be detailed by that Brigade.  
Motor lorry to convey harness equipment etc will report on the 10th inst. to convey same to the entraining station.  
O.C. No 1 Section will arrange with O.C. 11th Brigade party the hour of departure on the 10th inst.  
O.C. No 1 Section will detail one Officer and 4 other ranks from his section vide para 5 G11/159.

## No.2 Section.

Wagons will march with 10th Brigade under an Officer to be detailed by that Brigade.  
Motor lorry to convey harness equipment etc. will report on the 10th inst. to convey same to entraining station.  
Ammunition wagons fully loaded with ammunition etc will proceed to STAVE and dump the ammunition at the Div. Arty. Dump as per para 3 G11/159/2.  
Wagons of No. 2 Section will leave Biesmerree at 0930 hrs, on the 10th inst. and march via Stave.  
O.C. No 2 Section will detail one Sergeant and 4 other ranks from his section vide para 5 G11/159.

## General.

Attention of all is drawn to paras 3, 4, 5, of G11/159/2. Necessary action to be taken.  
One G.S.W. will proceed with each Section to carry cooking utensils blankets etc.  
The conducting part detailed above will return on the same train to Chatelineau after handing in the equipment at the base.  
Certificates mentioned para 6 G11/159 to be forwarded to this office by 1600 hrs, on the 10th inst.

app 1.

*W.R. Rapier* 2/Lieut.  
A/Adj.,  
4th. Aust. Div. Amn. Col.

MARCH TABLE.

REFERENCE MAP -- NAMUR 1/100000.

DATE	UNIT	MOVE TO	BILLETING AT	ROUTE	REMARKS
9/2/19	11th.Bde Gun Teams	ROSEE	37th.Battery		
9/2/19	11th.Bde. Wagons	STAVE	1st.Sct.DAC		Dump amm.at Div Arty.dump Stave as per para 3.
10/2/19	11th.Bde.Gun Teams) 10th.Bde.Gun Teams)	MORAILME (arrive not later than 1030 hours)	Chatlineau	Hanzinelle Chatelet	Move to Chatelineau with guns & limbers in charge of Lt.Lawson 42ndBty.
10/2/19	11th Bde Wagons with No 1 Sect.DAC attached	Chatlineau	Chatlineau	Stave-oret Gougnies	Column will be clear of STAVE by 0930 hours.
10/2/19	10th Bde Wagons with 2nd Section DAC attached	Chatlineau	Chatelineau	do	Teams not to enter Stave before 0930 Amm.will be dumped on arrival at Stave at Div Arty Dump as para 7
11/2/19	10th Brigade ) teams No.2 Section )	4th.D.A.area			To clear Chatlineau by 0930
11/2/19	11th Brigade) teams No.1 Section)	Stave and Rosee	Stave and Rosee		Not to move before 0930 hours.
12/2/19	11th Brigade	Agimont.			

DISTRIBUTION

as for G 11/159,<sup>189</sup>  
plus Lieut.Lawson.



Headquarters,  
7th. Feb. 1919.

1. One Section per Battery, and 8 wagons each from Nos. 1 & 2 Sections D.A.C. will move to entrainment Station CHATLINEAU on the 9th. & 10th. inst and return on the 11th. & 12th. inst. in accordance with MARCH TABLE attached.

2. For the purpose of the move, the vehicles of No. 1 Section 4th. Aust. D.A.C. will march with the 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade under an officer to be detailed by the C.O. 11th. Aust. F.A. Bde. The vehicles of No. 2 Section will march with the 10th. Aust. F.A. Brigade under an Officer to be detailed by the C.O. 10th. Aust. F.A. Brigade. The gun teams on arrival at MORIALME will withdraw their respective guns and limbers from gun park and march under command of LT. S. R. Lawson 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade, personnel at gun park will march with the column and proceed to Base.

3. AMMUNITION :-

Ammunition in gunlimbers will be emptied by the gun guard at MORIALME on the 8th. inst. into 1st. div. dump. A Divisional Artillery dump has been established at the fork roads in Stave (3 H. 9438) for remainder of ammunition; O.C. No. 1. Section D.A.C. will be responsible for the stacking and care of this ammunition 4.5" How. ammunition will be stacked separately.

4. RATIONING :-

Units will arrange their own rationing and cooking for personnel not proceeding to Base. Four days rations will be provided at CHATELINEAU for conducting party under arrangements with 4th. Aust. Division. One days forage for animals will also be dumped at entraining Station for consumption of the 10th & 11th. inst.

5. BILLETING :-

Billets will be provided for the personnel, but animals will be picketed in the open. Units will provide picketing ropes. Brigades and D.A.C. will detail a mounted man to report to Staff Capt at the Entraining Station at 1600 on the 10th. inst.

6. HARNESS :-

A motor lorry will report at 11th. Aust. F.A. Brigade H.Q. at 1700 on the 9th. inst. This Brigade will detail an Officer to collect and deliver at Chatlineau on 10th. inst. the harness of 11th. Aust F.A. Bde and No. 1 Section 4th. D.A.C. A second motor lorry will report at 10th. Aust. F.A. Bde. H.Q. at the same hour and date as 11th. Bde. Under the command of an Officer to be detailed by the 10th. Bde. this lorry will collect the harness of the 10th. Bde. and No 2 Section D.A.C. and deliver it at Chatlineau. Section Stores will be carried on the footbeek boards of vehicles.

7. Acknowledge.

(Signed) C. H. Rowan      **Sgd. Lieut.**  
A/Staff Capt.  
4th. Aust. Div. Artillery.

Table overleaf.

*App 1.*

Headquarters,  
13th February 1919.O.C.  
No. 1 Section  
No. 2 Section.Reference G 11/159  
G 11/159/3

Sections will move in accordance with March Table herewith.

No. 1 Section

Amunition to be stacked at Div.Arty.Dump <sup>by</sup> at 1500 14th inst. 1 Officer to be detailed to be at Div.Arty.Dump to receive and check amunition. Same orders as before re stacking etc. O.C. No.1 Section will detail 1 Officer and 4 other ranks from his section vide para 5 G 11/159 also 1 Officer to proceed with section to Chatelneau vide para 6 G11/159/3.

No. 2 Section..

Amunition Wagons fully loaded with amunition etc. will leave No.2 Section Wagon Park at 1430 on 14th inst. and proceed to STAVE and Dump amunition at Div.Arty.Dump STAVE. as per instructions para 3 G11/159/2. O C. No.2 Section will detail 1 Sergeant and 4 other ranks from its section vide para 5 G 11/159 also 1 Officer to proceed with wagons to Chatelneau vide para 6 G 11/159/3.

General

The attention of all is drawn to paras 2,4,5,6,7 & March Table. Necessary action to be taken. Certificates mentioned in para 6 G 11/159 to be forwarded to this office by 1200 on 15th inst.

app. 1. (a)

*W. Raper*  
2/Lieut.,  
a/Adjutant,  
4th. Aust. Div. Amn. Column.

G11/159/3

Headquarters,  
13th. Feb. '19.Reference this office No. G11/159, G11/159/1 and G11/159/2.

1. One section per battery and 3 wagons each from Nos. 1 & 2 Section D.A.C. will move to entraining station Chatlineau on the 14th. inst. and 15th. inst. in accordance with MARCH TABLE overleaf.
2. Arrangements for -  
Conducting party,  
Harness packing,  
Vehicle packing,  
Gun stores,  
Equipment and stores,  
Certificates of cleanliness (to reach D.A.C. by 15th. inst.)  
Billeting and rationing,  
Entraining,  
will be the same as detailed in orders cited above.
3. The 10th. P.A. Brigade will detail a senior Subaltern to be O.C. Train. This Officer will be responsible for returning four receipted copies of stores and equipment to D.A.C., as detailed in Para 5 of G 11/159.
4. AMMUNITION :-  
The 10th & 11th Aust P.A. Brigades Group will dump their Section echelon at Rosée. 10th Brigade will arrange for guide to meet 11th Brigade vehicles on the 14th. inst. at ROSÉE. D.A.C. ammunition will be dumped at STAVS, as per G11/159/2. All ammunition will be dumped by 1800 on the 14th. inst.
5. HARNESS :-  
2 motor Lorries will report to 10th B.R. (FLAVION) at 1800hrs  
2 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " (11th) " (AGISANT) on 14th inst  
for transport of harness.  
The 10th Aust P.A. Brigade will collect the harness of No. 2 Section D.A.C.  
The 11th Aust P.A. Brigade will collect the harness of No. 1 Section D.A.C.  
On arrival at Railhead harness will be unloaded in the Goods shed.  
Bags will be delivered to Brigades and D.A.C. by 1300 on the 14th.
6. Brigades and D.A.C. will detail an Officer to proceed to Chatlineau with Each Section, in addition to the conducting parties. These Officers will be responsible for -  
(a) The posting of guards and horse picket.  
(b) Removal of stores carried on footboards of wagons to the Goods-sheds on arrival at Chatlineau, and  
(c) The return to their Units by road on proper formation in Brigade and D.A.C. Groups as per March Table.
7. Vehicles will be packed overnight in the Station yards. To facilitate loading they will be formed up in column of subsections, wagons left, with the guns as near the edge of the ramp as possible, and in order from front to rear as under.  
D.A.C. 11th Brigade 10th Brigade.  
Care will be taken to keep Units separate.
8. 4th. Aust. Div. Cable Sections will also be loaded on this train.

App 1. (h)

MARCH TABLE

REFERENCE MAP NUMBER 1/100000.

DATE	UNIT	MOVES TO	ROUTE	BILLET AT	REMARKS.
14.2.19	11th. Bde. Sections	ROSEE	-	37th. Sty.	Dump amm. at TOSEE by 1800 hours.
14.2.19	10th. Bde. Sections	ROSEE	-	-	Dump amm. from Sections at ROSEE by 1200 hours.
14.2.19	D.A.C.	STAVE	-	-	Dump amm. from 3 vehicles of No. 1&2 Sections by 1800 hours, at STAVE.
15.2.19	D.A.C.	CHATLINEAU	Oret, Blasme, Gougnies)	-	Head of column to pass Oret by 0830. Drivers will not billet at Chatlineau.
15.2.19	11th. Bde.	(return) Chatlineau	Corenne, Stave, Chatlineau		Head of column not to pass StaveCorenne before 0830.
15.2.15	10th. Bde.	Chatlineau	Oret, Gougnies Corenne, Stave, Chatlineau Oret, Gougnies		Column not to pass Stave before 0930.
16.2.19	10th. Bde.	Flavion Area	Gougnies Oret Stave		Move in Brigade Column under Officer to be detailed by 10th. Brigade. Leave Railhead by 0900 hours.
16.2.19	11th. Bde.	Agimont Area	Gougnies Oret Stave Rossee		Move as above in Bde Column under Officer to be detailed by 11th. Bde. leave railhead by 0830.

(Sgd.) C.R. Rowan Lieut  
A/Staff Capt.  
4th. Aust. Div. Artillery.

H.Q.	
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	K89/2
Date.	

Headquarters,  
15th February 1919.

O.C.  
Sections.

Reference D.A G1/412/-

Para 2 Nos. 1 & 2 & S.A.A. Sections will deposit their ammunition at Stave Dump at hours on 16th inst. as follows:-

S.A.A. Section	09.30
No. 2 "	10.00
No. 1 "	11.00

All S.A. Ammunition will be withdrawn from personnel & packed in boxes (if ammunition boxes are not available boxes are to be obtained from Q.M. Store or Canteens) before being handed in.

Para 3. Lt. Campbell No. 1 Section will be in charge of Dump. O.C. No 1 Section will detail 1 cpl 1 bdr & 18 O.R. as the working party.

Para 4. Attention of Dump Officers is drawn to para 4. Sections returning ammunition will prepare receipts in Triplicate for amount handed in.

Para 6. Tobbe noted for necessary action. Attention is drawn to the following:- D.A. G1/412/1.

All boxed ammunition and S.A.A. will be stacked in the ruined house directly opposite the Stave Dump.

If possible tarpaulins will be used to cover this. No.1 Section will provide necessary tarpaulins.

Bombs from Infantry Brigades will be stored under cover.

D.A.C. boxed ammunition will be despatched in the first lorry loads on 19th instant.

App. 2.

*Johnson*  
Captain.  
Adjutant.  
4th. Aus. Div. Amn. Column.

Headquarters,  
15th February 1919.

H.Q. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	<i>H 88/2</i>
Date	.....

O.C.  
No.1 Section,  
No.2 Section,  
S.A.A. Section.

1. A sale of "X" Class Mules and "Z" Class horses has been arranged on the 20th inst at FLORENNES. Vacancies have been allotted as follows:-

	Headquarters	No.1 Section	No.2 Section	S.A.A. Section
"Z" Horses	1	6	9	8
"X" Mules	2	14	12	12
	3	20	21	20

- The animals will be on view to civilians buyers at FLORENNES on the 19th inst. As this is the first time that mules have been put up for sale in the district it is requested that the "X" Class Mules will be carefully selected for quietness and general condition.
  - The usual drivers of the mules selected will accompany them to the sale, and they will be instructed to show off their animals to the best advantage as if the sale is successful it will greatly assist further sales in the future.
  - Detailed instructions as to billeting and time of arrival will be notified later.
  - Horses or Mules marked "v" are not to be included in those sent for sale.
- This office will be notified at once if it is not possible to send the required number of "Z" class animals.

*Hewson*  
Captain.  
Adjutant.  
4th. Aust. Div. Amn. Column.

*app 3*

Headquarters,  
17th February 1919.

H.Q. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	R104/r
Date	.....

O.C.

No. 1 Section  
No. 2 Section  
S.A.A. SectionReference G 11/198

Lt. Mein will proceed in charge of the party.  
 1 N.C.O. per section will be detailed to proceed with party.  
 No. 2 & S.A.A. Section & Headquarters parties will assemble at S.A.A. parade ground at 0820 hrs.  
 This party in charge of Lt Mein to move off from Biesmeree at 0830 & proceed to Florennes via Stave. No. 1 Section Party to join Lt Meins party at Stave at 0840.  
 O.C. No. 2 & S.A.A Sections will each detail 1 G.S.Wagon to proceed with party to carry blankets etc.  
 The attention of O.C. Party is drawn to paras 5,6 & 7 of G.11/198  
 Necessary action to be taken.

*W R Harper* 2/Lieut.  
 a/Adjutant.  
 4th. Aust. Div. Amn. Column.

*App 4.*

"I" SECTOR.

A. a and b. In this area localities most suitable for positions for Artillery are available chiefly in the Northern and Southern ends of the sector, where the positions are covered.

The best positions are shown on the sketch herewith.

On the eastern edge of the forest and near the roads gun positions could be prepared if time allowed.

In the western and central portion of the sector the country is flat and provides little cover for the positions and is remote from the best O.Ps.

Temporary positions; the northern end of the sector provides frequent positions for Batteries to wheel into action "semi-covered" off the main roads, but observation would not be easy especially in retirement unless the position happened to be near one of the O.Ps. marked on the sketch.

Only the most suitable positions are marked in this sector though many others less good are available.

B. (c) Observation;- The chief points suitable for observation are situated in the northern part of the sector, near Biesmerree and Stave, thence along the eastern edge of the sector and again at the southern end near Franchimont.

The remainder of the area is either flat or covered with dense forest and observation is bad.

The best points for observation are at or near;-

- (1) 3I 1872 NE to SE, good.
- (2) 3H 7045 narrow arc over Biesmerree and to North.
- (3) 3H 9528 NE and E.
- (4) 4I 0597 NE and E.
- (5) 4H 9070 Several good points, wide field of view.
- (6) 4H. 5030 E and SE.

Except at the North and the South ends of the sub-area observation across the area is not possible.

(d) RELIEF;- The surface of the area is easy for movement, and except at the South end is not broken up by deep valleys. At the North end it falls away to the East and West, but the remainder of the area is more or less flat with its longest reentrants coming in from the East and South East.

(c) STREAMS;- Except the small stream running from Stave to Biesmerree there are none to impede movement of Artillery, and it, even in the absence of culverts, would not be a serious matter.

(f) FORRESTS;- A large portion of this sub-area is covered with dense woods and forests, all impassable to horse drawn artillery except where traversed by roads, these are often little better than forrest tracks, and would soon be cut up.

(g) OTHER FEATURES,- There is no marsh country, as far as could be judged with snow on the ground.

Tramways,- FLORENNES to ROSEE, The rails of this line have been removed by the enemy.

At 3H 6756 there is a large clay-pit and from it a narrow gauge tramway (in good order) runs along the main road to STAVE Rly Stn. 3H 8639, This is not shown on the plan, NAMUR 8 1/100000.

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"J" SECTOR.

Reconnaissance was carried out when the whole of terrain was covered in snow & a slight thaw had set in resulting in more or less of a quagmire. The first class roads were in good order. Second class roads were good on the crown only. Third class and bushtracks were impassable.

& B. Replies to Sub headings as follows:-

3H.54.55	vicinity	ORET
3H.45.23	"	Pavillon
3H. 38.15	"	Florennes
3H. 1. 2	"	"
4H.40.93	"	"
4H.45.29	"	Villerole Gambon.
4H. i. 5.	"	Vodecee
4H. 4. 4.	"	"
4H. 4. 8.	"	Chaumont.
4H.35.86.	"	"
3H.14.28.	Howitzers only.	

c. 3H.1.3 Chimney stacks. 3H.3.5. CORROY FARM to North of PAVILLONS (3H.45.23) Factory at Florennes.

N.B. There being so much wooded area to East and on our Front suitable observation posts were few. The only practical method to gain observation would be to erect O/P platforms in trees on Eastern edge of Forest.

d. Mostly undulating 5/8ths of area wooded roads running West to East are passable for horse drawn Artillery other than as already noted in bushtracks etc.

e. Rivers LES PRIES, LAYLETTE, GERINAUX & GRAND PRIX.

Roads running West to East cross these streams. In mobile warfare these streams could be crossed at almost any spot by the aid of a Pontoon or Pioneers could construct a bridge in an hour to allow the Artillery and Echelons to pass over. The nature of Terrain when reconnoitred was almost marshy in the vicinity of these streams but under ordinary weather conditions it is not so.

f. Bois de Corroy., Bois de L'Eveque. Bois du Prince are impassable for Field Artillery. Bois Tilford & Bois Brule are passable the roads through these two woods being in fair condition.

g. 3H.13 Lake and stream. The area to the South interspersed with waterholes renders movements of Artillery up this valley impracticable. Reentrants are all on the East roads into FLORENNES-VILLERS LE GAMBON & VODECEE are so many that no difficulty would arise, in the event of any road or area being shelled, in finding another way round.

h. Country reconnoitred mostly wooded, only a few roads running West & East and other than from enemy balloon observation these would not be under observation.

Mobile warfare in an offensive would be rendered difficult by the wooded areas being mostly impassable for horse drawn Artillery.

In the event of these areas being circumvented Artillery would work along the sides of the ridges quite easily-carrying Pioneers with the necessary material. All streams could be crossed.

NATURAL LINE OF DEFENCE

The natural lines of defence are good.

First line of defence & offence would be the Railway line running from Villers Le Gambon to Florennes, then to Pavillons thence by the eastern edge of the wooded area.

Bois du Prince & Bois de L'Eneque to the main road near Oret.

Second line consisting of the first class road from Vodecee to Florennes thence by second class road to Oret.

In an offensive the forests already noted would be drenched with gas as well as the valley leading up to the East. The wooded areas to be taken would be full of Machine Gun posts-the crown of the ridge as well as Valley could be readily swept by Machine Guns and numerous natural Machine Gun positions are in the area. Machine Gun positions would be posted in Quarries and Woods in vicinity of 3H.20.45 & 3H.25.30.

The difficulty would be the squeezing out or Circumventing the wooded areas on the ridges and in the Southern Extremity of the area reconnoitred.

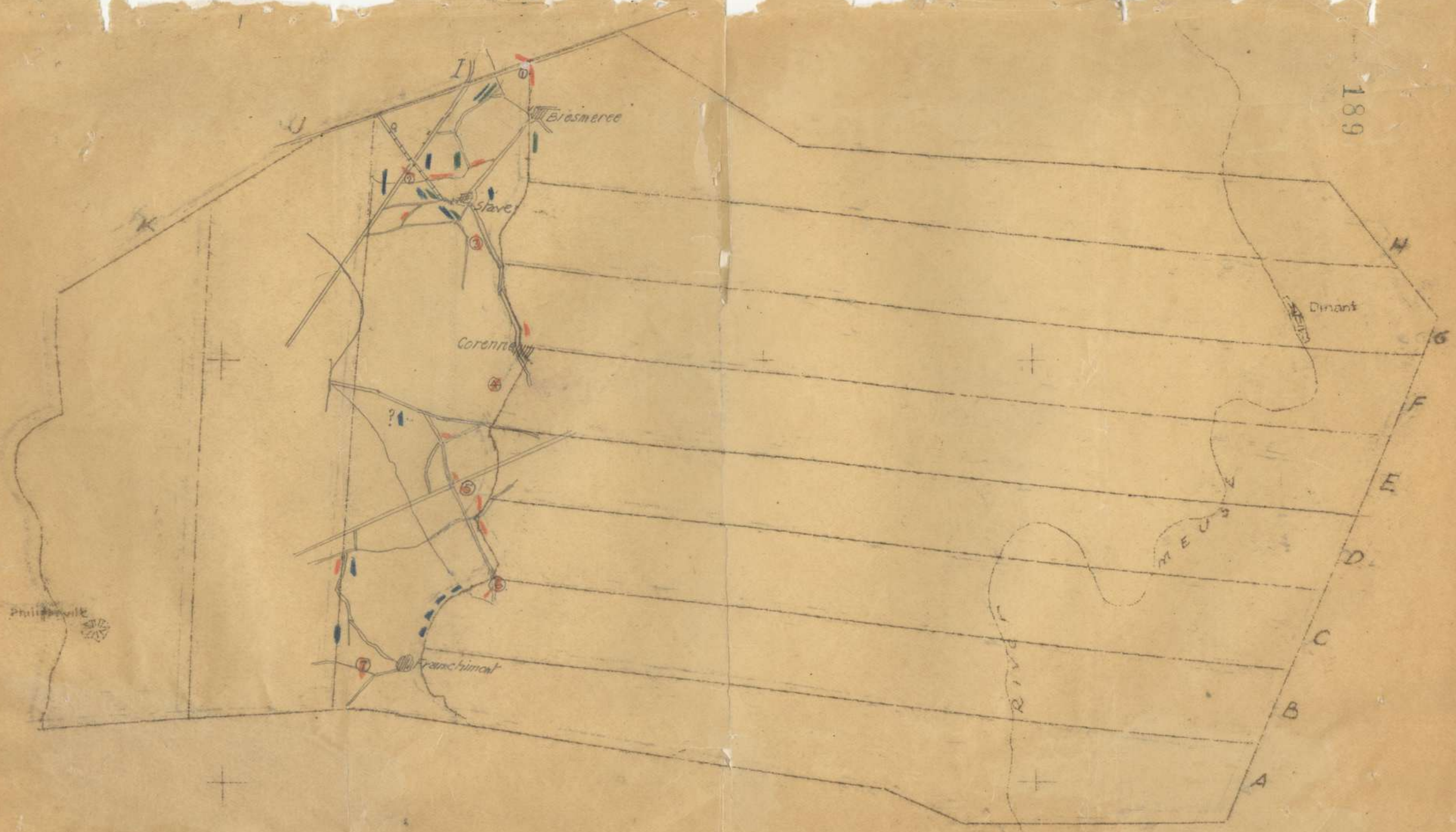
With ample artillery Brigades and the Essence of surprise being fully seized there would be little difficulty in achieving a success.

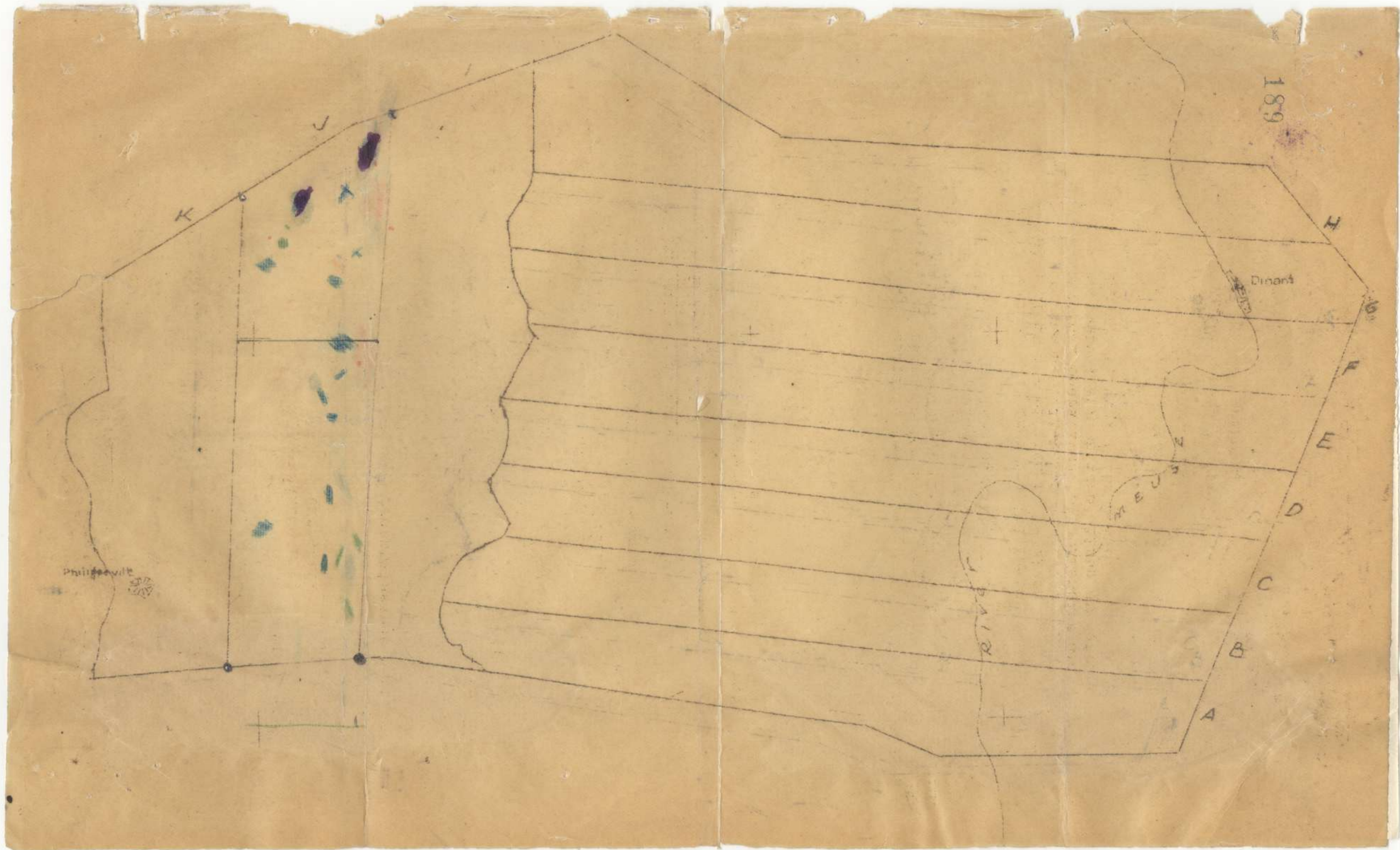
Feeding the guns with ammunition could be readily done for nearly all the roads are free from direct observation other than by Balloon.

"K" Sector.

Field

- A. On the map supplied the suitable Artillery Positions are marked in Blue blue. In all the cases marked these positions are well screened from observation.
- B. The Howitzer positions are marked in Green. The selected positions are ideal for Hows.
- C. During reconnaissance only two observation positions, which obtained a large field of view, were obtained.
- D. The country is undulating to hilly in the Southern Portion, the roads being under observation from the following points, churches at Vodecee and Villers le Gambon. From the Factory at Villers le Gambon an observation of most of "K" Sector is obtained.
- E. No streams in K Sector would offer any difficulty to Field Artillery but Heavy Artillery would have to keep to the roads.
- F. No Marshes were encountered, but an old trench system is in vogue in the Bois Tilfort, which has two roads running due North and South also two third class roads running due East and West through it. Much material suitable for light railways was noticed in the Bois Tilfort, comprising Rails, trucks &c.
- G. "K" Sector is mostly undulation to hilly and offers many positions suitable for Field and Heavy Artillery, both for offensive and defensive operations. The chief drawback to these positions is the lack of good observation points. Plenty of natural cover is offered and water is abundant in the centre of the Sector. The roadways which are mostly second class, are in good state of repair but they all lead through the villages which would be subjected to shelling N.N.W. of the Bois Tilfort there exists at present a system of wiring to prevent the advance of Cavalry or Artillery. The farms at present contain very little fodder and a few stock. All watering arrangements are of the "well system" in the villages.





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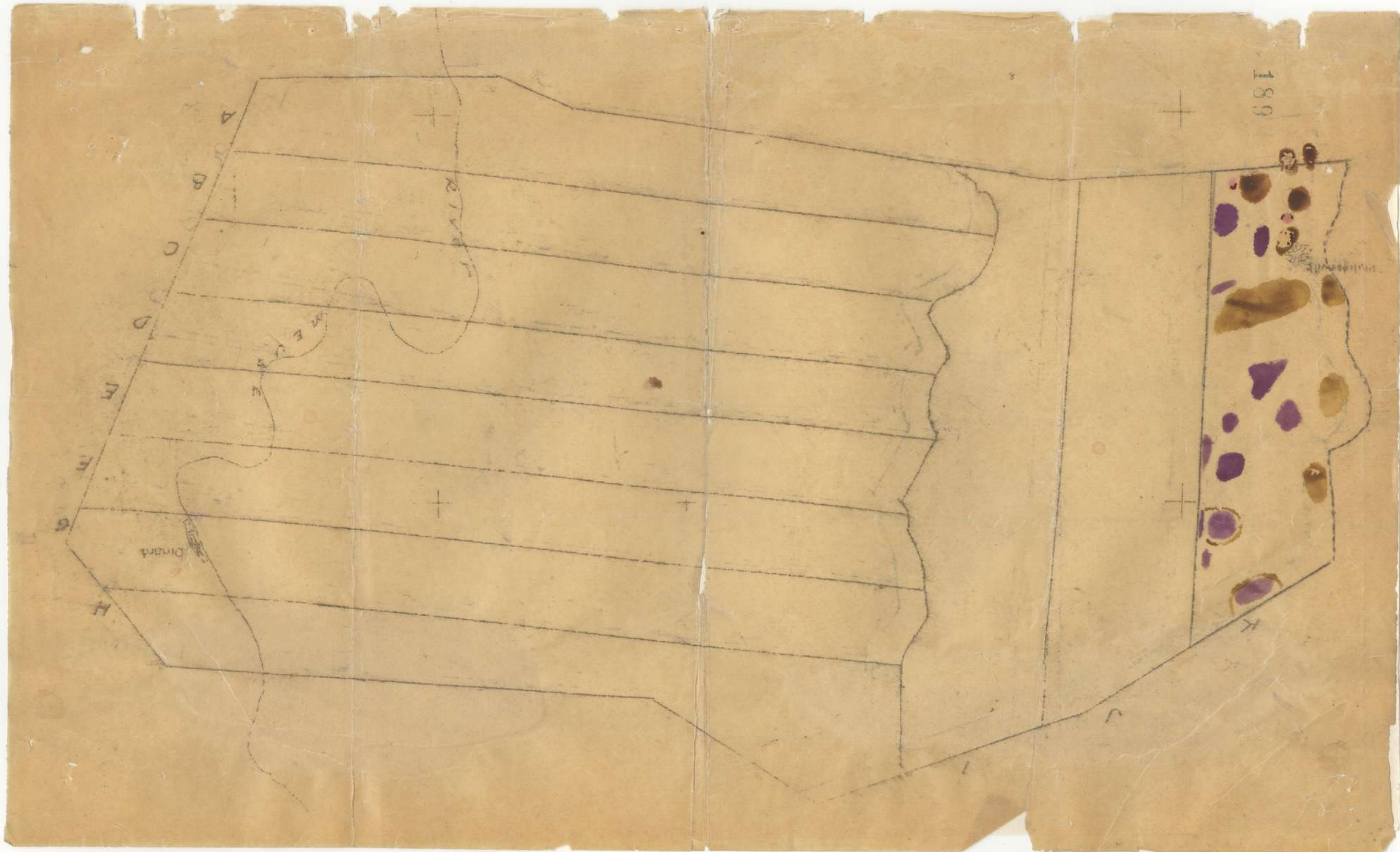
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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMUNITION COLUMN.

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H.Q. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.
No. <i>K153/v</i>
Date.....

Headquarters,  
19th February 1919.

O.C.

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

REPATRIATION & DEMOBILIZATION.

1. QUOTA No. 13 - Will be organised ready for entrainment at 7 days notice, to proceed to HAVRE en route for AUSTRALIA.  
(AUTHORITY - DEMOBAUST Liaison G.H.Q. W 48 of 10/2/'19).  
At a date to be notified the quota will be concentrated at 4th Aust. Div. Reinforcement Wing, FLORENNES.  
Transport and ration arrangements will be notified later.
2. The DIV. AMN. COLUMN. QUOTA. of Officers and men who enlisted in 1914 and 1915 is as per attached list.
3. Nominal Rolls will be prepared and forwarded to this Office before 1600 on 19th inst. showing the following particulars:-  
No, Rank, Name, Date of enlistment, Date of disembarkation, Size of Tunic, Hat, Boots and Breeches and Civil address in Australia.
4. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT, etc.  
The same instructions regarding clothing and equipment etc. will apply as for previous quotas.
5. MEDICAL BOARDS.-  
The N.C.O's and Men as per attached list will be paraded to the R.A.P. at 10 a.m to-morrow for a Medical Board.

*app 5.*

Capt.  
Adjutant.  
4th Aust. Div. Amn. Column.

Headquarters,  
19th February 1919.

H.Q. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	K164/2
Date	

O.C.

NO. 1 Section.  
No. 2 Section.

C/11/159/5 & 6.

Forwarded for your necessary action.

Reference G 11/159/5.

Para 4.

Nos. 1 & 2 Sections will each detail 1 N.C.O. and 10 men for this duty. This party will carry 48 hours rations with them.

Para 7.

O.C. No. 1 & 2 Sections will notify this Office by 1800 on the 19th inst. of their requirements.

Reference G 11/159/6.

Para 1.

Parties from Nos. 1 & 2 Sections will leave Stave at 0815 on 20th inst.

Para 2.

Receipt for D.A.H.Q. will be forwarded to reach this Office as soon as possible after handing over vehicles at CHATELINEAU.

Para 3.

Sections will each detail one Subaltern to take charge of Section parties.  
Capt H.H.McKeown will take charge of the D.A.C.Column.

Para 4.

This duty will be carried on by Capt. H.H.McKeown.

*app 6.*

*W.R. Rapier* 2/Lieut.  
a/Adjutant.  
4th AUST. DIV. AMN. COLUMN.

Headquarters,  
18th February 1919.

1. G. 11/159/4 of 14th instant is cancelled.
2. It has been decided that D.A.D.O.S. will take over all the vehicles, stores, and equipment sent to CHATELINEAU on 15th instant. A central store is being provided and all vehicles will be parked, and equipment stored under Ordnance arrangements.
3. In order to hand in complete units all vehicles, equipment and stores shown on War establishment and at present in possession of units, will be sent to CHATELINEAU at a date to be noted later; and units, will retain only such vehicles, equipment and harness as shown in para. 5.
4. Harness will be sent to CHATELINEAU on the horses, and Units will leave working parties behind to clean and pack this in accordance with G. 11/159/1 of February 5th.
5.
 

UNIT	VEHICLES	Harness Sets			Animals
		Wheel	Lead	Riding	
D.A.H.Q.	1 G.S. Wagon.	2	2	5	4
Bde H.Q.	1 G.S. Wagon	2	2		2
	Maltese Cart	1	1		1
	Mess Cart.	1	1	5	2
Battery	1 G.S. Wagon	2	2	5	4
	1 Watercart.	2			4
	1 Mess Cart.	1	1		2
	1 Cooker	2			2
D.A.C.HQ.	Retain all vehicles and equipment as per War Estab.				
Nos. 1 & 2 Secs.	Will hand in at CHATELINEAU all vehicles and equipment complete.				
SAA Sec.	Retain all vehicles and equipment as per War Estab.				
6. Arrangements for withdrawing the extra wagons belonging to Nos. 1 and 2 Sections from Brigades authorised in G. 11/159/4 will be made by this Office on receipt of detailed wagon statement from 4th A.D.A.C.
7. D.A.C. will arrange to attach sufficient transport to Nos. 1 & 2 Sections from S.A.A. Sec. for their requirements.
8. Headcollars and chains will be retained by Units until all animals have been disposed of.
9. Equipment and vehicles retained as per para. 5 will be handed in together when the Div. Artillery is disbanded.
10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Distribution:

C.H. Rowen. Lieutenant.  
a/Staff-Captain.  
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

CORRIGENDUM :-

This Office CIRCULAR No. G 11/159/3 dated 14/2/19 should read "G 11/159/4.

app. 6. (a)



REF. G. 11/159/5.

Headquarters,  
18th February 1919.

1. The remaining section per Battery and the remainder of Nos. 1 and 2 Section D.A.C. will march to CHATELINEAU as per March Table attached.
  2. A representative of D.A.D.O.S. 4th Aust.Div. will be present and will give receipts for all vehicles and stores handed to him.  
List will be prepared on the attached pro formas, and nine (9) copies per Unit will be made.
    - 1 Copy retained by the Unit.
    - 1 Copy sent to D.A.H.Q.
    - 7 copies retained by D.A.D.O.S.
  3. The lists of equipment sent away on the 15th will be increased from six to nine, and the extra three made out on attached pro forma which will be dealt with as above.
  4. Units will ensure that all drivers return together by road in correct formation under the charge of their Section Commander. Each Brigade and D.A.C. will detail an Officer to take charge of their respective Brigade and D.A.C. parties, which will proceed home as a Brigade.
  5. A Field Officer will be sent in charge of each Brigade party and will supervise the handing in of all equipment to D.A.D.O.S. Receipts &c. from both Sections at CHATELINEAU, and D.A.C. will detail a Captain for the same purpose.
  6. The conducting party already at CHATELINEAU will be used as a working party and will remain under their own Officers until all equipment has been disposed of to D.A.D.O.S.
  7. Harness will be sent up on the animals, Battery Q.M.S.s will accompany Sections and remain to supervise the cleaning and assembling of the harness of their Battery or Section D.A.C. by personnel detailed in para 5. Cleaning material will be sent by Units for this purpose. X.
  8. Rations and forage will be carried as no forage will be delivered at CHATELINEAU.
  9. Units will be prepared to provide teams to pull vehicles of the previous Section to the Park selected by D.A.D.O.S.
- ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) C.H. Rowan. Lieutenant,  
a/Staff-Captain.  
4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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T A B L E  
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Date	Unit	Move to	Billeted.	Route	Remarks
20/2/'19	4th D.A.C.	CHATELINEAU	Return.	ORET - GOUGNIES	To be clear of ORET by 0930.
20/2/'19	10th Brigade	do.	do.	STAVE - ORET - GOUGNIES.	Not to pass STAVE before 0930.
20/2/'19	11th Brigade	ROSEE	37th Batty.	-	Arrange with 37th Battery for billets.
21/2/'19	11th Brigade	CHATELINEAU	Return to ROSEE.	CORENNE - STAVE - ORET - GOUGNIES.	To be clear of STAVE by 0930.
21/2/'19	11th Brigade	ROSEE	37th Batty.	GOUGNIES - ORET - STAVE - CORRENE.	Billet at 37th Bty. ROSEE
22/2/'19	11th Brigade	Return to Unit.	-	-	-

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Headquarters,  
19th February 1919.

Reference this Office G. 11/159/5 of 18th inst.

Paras. 2 and 3 are cancelled and following substituted:-

Lists of stores and equipment will be made in Duplicate as for previous sections. Senior Officers accompanying parties will give receipts to Units at CHATELINEAU and will be personally responsible for the safe custody of all stores and equipment and wagons of their Brigade or D.A.C.

D.A.D.O.S. will not take over from Units until detailed lists are made out as per Mob. Store Table, in accordance with General Instructions No. 14, Annexure "A" Section "B".

These pro formas will be forwarded from D.A.H.Q. as soon as they can be compiled.

Harness will be returned to Units on the animals and will be packed as in previous instructions and sent back to CHATELINEAU by M.T. at a date to be notified later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

C.H.Rowen. Lieutenant.  
a/Staff-Captain.  
4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

Distribution.

As for G. 11/159/5 plus Major P.T.Redmond.  
Major B.H.Lenahan.  
Capt. H.H.McKeown.

*App 7.*

4th Aust.Div.AMMN.Column.

H.Q.	
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	<i>Pls. 230</i>
Date	.....

Headquarters,  
23rd February 1919

O.C.,  
Sections,

Reference G 11/187/2

K 178/2 is cancelled . Allotments of Horses will be.

Headquarters 1.  
No 1 Section 1.

A Bombardier will be detailed by No 1 Section to take charge of the two horses, he will report to Officer i/c 10th Aust.F.A.Bde Party at FLORENNES and be attached to them. When returning he will bring back Headcollars and chains. He is to be instructed regarding paras 5,11,12,13 & 14. of the above D.A.Memo.

*Heenan*  
Captain,  
Adjutant,  
4th Aust.Div.Ammn.Column.

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4th Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

H.Q. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.
No. <i>RU 231</i>
Date.....

Headquarters,  
22nd February 1919

O.C.  
S.A.A. Section,

Ten 4 Mule teams with harness to report to Lieut. Stranger  
Entraining Officer CHATELINEAU tomorrow 23rd inst.  
24 hours rations and Forage to be carried. Men's kits, blankets etc to be taken  
Party is to remain at CHATELINEAU until further orders.

1 G.S. Wagon will be detailed to carry kits etc of Party to CHATELINEAU  
This wagon will return to Section on completion, of journey.  
1 Officer and 2 N.C.Os will proceed with the party and hand them over to  
the Entraining Officer and return with G.S. Wagon.  
Party will leave BIESMERE at 0800.

*D. G. Mason*

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

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4th Aust.Div.Ammn.Column.

Headquarters,  
26th February 1919

H.Q., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	<i>KL 256</i>
Date	.....

O.C.,  
No 1 Section,

10 Lorries arriving shortly after 9 oclock tomorrow morning  
All boxed ammunition to be sent away after which loads will be completed  
with S.A.A. Advise amount thus transferred.

Sgd. J Gleeson Capt.,  
Adjutant,  
4th Aust.Div.Ammn.Column.

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4th Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

Headquarters,  
27th February 1919

O.C.,  
S.A.A. Section,

Five (5) Limbered G.S. Wagons with 4 Mule Teams ,  
harness and equipment (Vehicles) are to be sent to the 4th Australian Machine  
Gun Battalion ANSERENNE by 12 noon on the 28th inst and will remain  
attached to that unit till further orders.

Receipts in detail (9 copies) will be prepared and all equipment, vehicles  
and animals will be signed for by the Machine Gun Battalion.

Drivers will return to their Unit and for this purpose a G.S. Wagon will  
be sent to bring them back to their Section.  
An officer is to be sent in charge to hand over to the Machine Gun Battalion  
and to obtain receipts.

H.Q. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.
No. <i>K209/2</i>
Date.....

Sgd. J. Gleeson Capt.?  
Adjutant,  
4th Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

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Headquarters,  
28th February 1919

O.C.,  
Sections,

H.Q.	
4th AUSTRALIAN	
DIVISIONAL	
AMMUNITION COLUMN.	
No.	K 218/v
Date	

1. A ~~two days~~ sale of "Z" Class animals will be held at DINANT on the 6th and 7th March commencing 0930.

2. 4th Aust.D.A.C. are allotted vacancies as follows :-

Headquarters	2 Mules.
No 1 Section	9 "
No 2 Section	9 "
S.A.A. Section	10 "

Party will concentrate in Place de la Meuse at DINANT by 1000 on the 5th March and be inspected by the D.A.D.V.S.

3. Lieut. J.S.V. Mein will proceed in charge of the D.A.C. party which will assemble at the Church BIESMEREE at 0730 on the 5th March.

A junior N.C.O. from each Section and one driver per 2 animals will be detailed to accompany party.

O.C. S.A.A. Section will detail 1 G.S. Wagon to transport blankets and unexpended portion of day's rations

Billets and subsequent rationing will be arranged by the 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. All Mules will be accompanied by Drivers used to Handle them.

4. A detailed list of animals from each Section will be made out in quadruplicate on A.F.W. 3088 (D.A.D.V.S. will supply these ~~at~~ at Concentration Camp) and will be disposed of as under:-

2 copies to Div Paymaster who will be present at the Sale, who will hand the to Command Paymaster who will retain the duplicate and hand the original to the unit as a voucher of A.F.W. 3852.

The third copy of A.F.W. 3088 will be retained by the Unit pending the receipt of the above mentioned duplicate from the Command Paymaster.

On receipt of the Duplicate copy the triplicate will be destroyed.

The 4th copy will be handed to the D.A.D.V.S. at the conclusion of the Sale.

5. All animals will be sold without equipment of any kind. The officer detailed i/c of the party will deal with the A.F.W. 3088 on the day of the Sale and will report there at 0930

*W.R. Rapu*  
for Major,  
C.O.,  
4th Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

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Monthly Review of GENERAL CONDITIONS of 4th Aust.Div.Ammn.Column.

1. Health- Good R.M.O's report Appendix No 7
2. Moral- Good
3. Discipline- Good. During the month 5 cases came before me to be dealt with  
1 case A.W.L. 50 days remanded by me for F.G.C.M. during the previous month was awarded 12 months I.H.L. 1 case A.W.L. 22 days (overstayed U.K. Leave) was awarded 28 days F.P.No 2. 1 case A.W.L. from parade was awarded 4 days F.P.No 2. 2 cases A.W.L. for 2 days was each awarded 5 days F.P.No 2 1 case awarded 5 days F.P.No 2 A.W.L. from Parade.
4. Animals- In first class condition. Deficiency at end of December 9 rides & 18 Mules. No remounts were received during the month. The present deficiencies are 10 Rides & 34 Mules, and in addition 25 animals are in M.V.S.
5. Clothing. In good condition. Good supplies were obtained from Ordnance.
6. Equipment. Complete.
7. Ordnance. Wagons up to strength.
8. Reinforcements. No reinforcements arrived from Base. 14 O'Ranks were taken on strength from Hospital.
9. Leave. 28 Leave passes were granted during the month including passes for 4 Officers (5 O'Ranks to Paris. 7 O'Ranks to Brussels) 1 O'Rank was admitted to Hospital whilst on leave & has not yet returned. 1 O'Rank was taken on the strength of A.B.P.O. whilst on leave.
10. Ammunition. 278 rounds "AX" & 164 rounds "BX" were issued to 104th Army Brigade, R.F.A., to complete Echelon before moving to Germany. Ammunition dumped at LIESSIES was brought forward to this area by Motor Lorry.
11. Education. as per Educational Officer's Report Appendix No 8 attached.
12. Sport. as per Appendix No 9 (a), (b),
13. Salvage. as per appendix No 10.

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

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## MEMORIAL ROLL OF N.C.O.'S. PROCEEDING TO AUSTRALIA. 24/1/19.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Date of Embarkation.
21/384.	RCM.	GREEN John Willoughby	8/5/15.
21/788.	CSM.	ANDERSON William Leslie Victor	"
1525.	CMS.	GIBSON John Hopwood	25/8/15.
21/593.	Sgt.	CRAMIN John Francis	8/5/15.
21/149.	"	EVERETT Edward	"
1543.	"	FRITZSCH Berthold	"
21/425.	"	MORTIMER Percy	"
21/235.	"	McFARLANE Hector	"
21/522.	"	TURNBULL Herbert	"
350.	"	McLEOD James	28/5/15.
486.	"	PINKERTON William John	8/5/15.
21/49.	"	PENGLARE Alfred William	"
21/719.	"	PLEYDALL Charles James	"
758.	"	STEWART James	"
534.	"	WALKER Henry	"
21/1510a	"	BOURN Walker Edward Bingham	16/7/15.
1813.	"	BARLING Ernest Lincoln Hyde	"
21/2408.	"	HIBBERT Richard Horton	"
38.	"	PARKER John Richard	9/7/15.
21/1738.	"	THOMPSON Leslie Wilson	16/7/15.
1774.	"	PERRY Francis Ernest	"
21/2023.	"	DAKIN Augustine	26/8/15.
21/2024.	"	HAYES Robert Walter	"
21/785.	"	WHITAKER Joseph	8/5/15.
1946.	"	O'MALLEY Charles Ray	26/8/15.
21/2481.	"	TRIMMELLA John Thomas	27/9/15.
1977.	"	Robinson John	26.8.15

*W. B. James* Lt-Col.  
C.O., 24th Battalion, A.I.F.

MOVEMENT IN STRENGTH DURING THE MONTH.

Establishment - 15 Officers and 15 Other Ranks.

Day of Month	Officers O'Ranks		Movement	Doing Duty with Unit	
	Officers	O'Ranks		Officers	O'Ranks
1	15	451	1 O'Rank struck off strength.	11	402
2	15	449	2 " " " to Australia	11	394
3	16	449	1 " taken on strength	12	395
4	16	449		12	396
5	16	449		12	398
6	18	449	2 Officers taken on Strength	15	398
7	18	448	1 O'Rank struck off strength	15	397
8	18	438	1 O'Rank struck off strength	15	392
9	18	438		15	391
10	18	438		14	385
11	18	438		13	375
12	18	438		12	365
13	18	437	1 O'Rank Struck off strength to No 7 Base Prison	13	358
14	18	437		13	357
15	18	436	1 O'Rank struck off strength to Hosp. 20'Rks. struck off strength over 7 days in Field Ambulance.	14	349
16	18	436		13	338
17	18	436		13	338
18	18	436		13	339
19	18	435	1 O'Rank struck off Strength to A.I.F .H.Q.	13	362
20	18	431	4 O'Ranks struck off strength	14	351
21	18	430	1 O'Rank struck off strength to Australia	14	351
22	18	429	2 O'Ranks struck off strength. 1 O'Rk. taken on strength.	14	354
23	18	429		14	354
24	18	428	1 O'Rank Struck off Strength	15	333
25	18	427	1 O'Rank Struck off strength	14	340
26	18	427	<del>1 O'Rank struck off strength</del>	15	325
27	18	426	1 O'Rank Struck off strength to Emp. in U.K.	15	331
28	18	450	1 O'Rank Struck off Strength from Base 24 O.Rks. T.O.S. from D.T.M.B. 1 O.Rk. S.O.S.	15	355

Average Daily Strength (Approx) 18 Off. 439 O.Ranks  
 " " " with Unit 14 Off 354 O.Ranks  
 Present deficiency 120 O.Ranks

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*And Mayo*  
 C.O. 4th Aust. D. A. C.

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

For your information

Number of sick parade during month of February 1919

No 1 Section	14
No 2 Section	40
S.A.A. Section	56

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Daily Average

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Number of evacuations

7 =

6.3% of Sick Parade.

1.7% of Average Strength.

Details.

V.D.	3
Influenza	2
Dental Treatment	2

The above figures only apply to men on sick parade- The total passing through the R.A.P. inclusive of Sick Parades  $\frac{1}{7}$  227

Daily <sup>Average</sup> Strength = 8.1.

General Health of the men ~~xxx~~ is good

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

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Educational Officer  
4th. Aust. Div. Arty.

Education Report for month ending February 1919.

The work of the Education Service has made very good progress during the month. The following figures indicate the state of the register at the end of each week.

Week ending	Enrolment	Inc. or Dec.	Average Attendance	Inc. or Dec.
7.2.19	46	34 Dec.	45	11 inc.
14.2.19	48	2 Inc.	29	16 Dec.
21.2.19	48	-	23	6 Dec.

The decrease of the average attendance is due to the instructors in Arithmetic and Wool-classing being on leave, causing these subjects to be temporarily suspended.

The Fourth Divisional Entertainment Company which show here during the week ending 21st. inst. effected the attendance of the classes. The arrival of text books has given great assistance to Instructors, and generally increased the interest in study.

FRENCH. Although there has been a slight falling off of the enrolment the average attendance still keeps up and the students are making good progress.

MOTOR ENGINEERING. This subject has made good progress and there has been a big demand for books from the library on the subject.

WOOL-CLASSING. An examination in wool classing was held on 10th. February and gave very good results. The highest percentage obtained was 96% and the lowest 82%. The class is very keen and are always asking the instructor questions.

ARITHMETIC. Good progress is being made and the arrival of text books has helped the instructor. Individual instruction is needed in most cases as some students are more advanced than others

BOOK-KEEPING. Has now become more advanced and the class has made excellent progress.

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*A. D. Stewart*  
Education Officer.  
4th. Aust. Div. Amm. Column.

MONTHLY REVIEW of GENERAL CONDITIONS of 4th Australian Divisional  
189 Ammunition Column.

- HEALTH. Good See R.M.O's Report Appendix 14.
4. MORAL. Good.
5. DISCIPLINE. Good. During the month 5 cases came before me to be dealt with 2 cases A.W.L. 2 days were awarded 5 days F.P. No 2. 1 case A.W.L. 1 day was awarded 7 days F.P.No 2 1 case A.W.L. 2days was awarded 5 days F.P.No 2.
6. ANIMALS. In good condition. Deficiency at the end of January was 10 Rides & 34 mules.No remounts were received during the month. During the month 32 Horses were sent to Base Remount Depot & 22 Horses & 17 Mules were sold at FLORENNES. Present Deficiency 53 Rides 70 Mules.
7. CLOTHING. In good condition. Sufficient stocks drawn from D.A.D.O.S.
8. EQUIPMENT. of Nos 1 & 2 Sections handed in to D.A.D.O.S. during the month S.A.A.Section in good order.
9. ORDNANCE. All wagons Nos 1 & 2 Sections were handed into D.A.D.O.S. during the month.
10. REINFORCEMENTS. No reinforcements marched in from Base. 24 other ranks were taken on strength from D.T.M.Batteries.
11. LEAVE. 64 Passes were granted during the month including passes for 2 Officers.(9 O/Rs for BRUSSELS & 14 O/Rs for PARIS.) 10/R was granted EARLY REPATRIATION whilst on U.K. Leave. 1 O/R was admitted to Hospital whilst on leave and has not returned.
12. AMMUNITION. All ammunition was handed in at 4th Aust.Div.Arty. Dump STAVE. during the month.
13. SPORT.No outdoor sports were held during the month owing to bad weather. Dancing cards etc. were indulged in indoors.
14. EDUCATION. As per Education Officer's report Appendix No 15.

*[Signature]*

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

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