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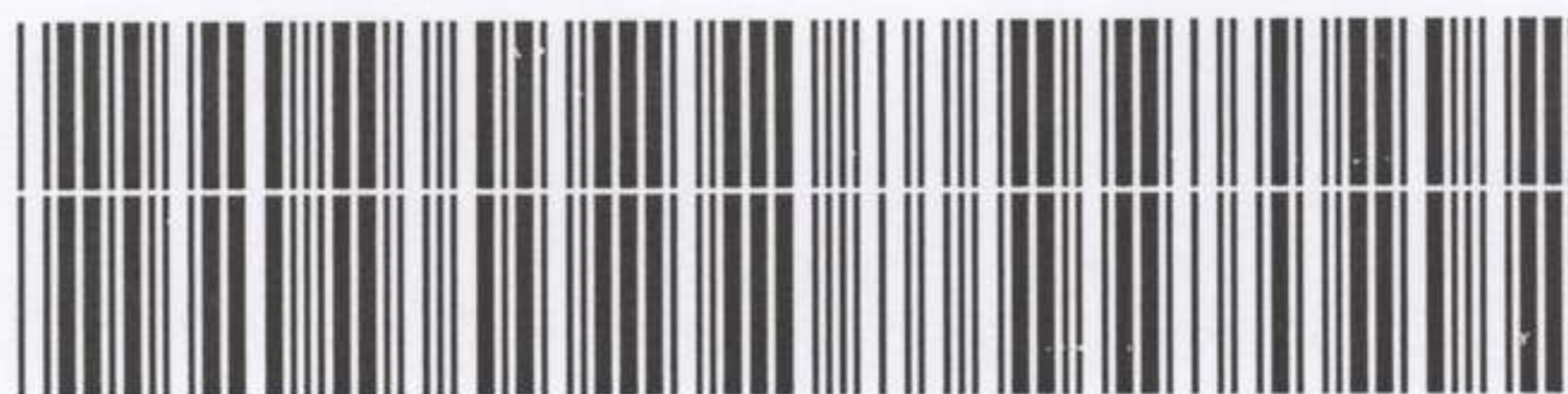
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NIEPPE	1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt LM Gordon from Anty Cadet School. Lt McADAM is 1/2 DAC temporarily.	
"	2 <sup>nd</sup>		C.O returns from 4 days local leave. " returns to O.C. No 3 Section.	
"	3 <sup>rd</sup>		85 <sup>th</sup> reinforcements have arrived within few days: about 90 given to Batteries to complete.	
"	4 <sup>th</sup>		2/Lt C.B. PRIMROSE & 2/Lt JFS GARRETT arrive from 6 <sup>th</sup> Aus (Army) FAB <sup>de</sup> .	
"	5 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 PM	B Echelon is moved: from LES TROIS TILLEULS to PETIT MORTIER.	
"	6 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	DAC Headquarters moves from NIEPPE to PETIT MORTIER.	
PT. MORTIER	7 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	B Echelon moves from Petit Mortier to DOULIEU locality. } 2/Lt W.A. MOSSMAN from	
"		7.30 PM	A " arrives DICKEBOSCH to PETIT MORTIER " } 12 <sup>th</sup> Aus (Army) FAB <sup>de</sup>	
"	8 <sup>th</sup>		Lt FF FLORANCE arrives from Base. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt C.B. PRIMROSE transfers to 10 <sup>th</sup> AFAB <sup>de</sup> .	
"			Lt ES. WILLOTT, LM GORDON, T.A. HESTER, & JFS GARRETT " " " "	
"			Lt BOTT & 2 O/R report at REGENTS Infantry & Bomb Store near VROILANDHOEK to understudy the spear of 37 <sup>th</sup> Division.	
"	9		Looking for billets.	
"	10		H. V. Vermeire Lt R	

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PETIT MORTIER	10 <sup>th</sup>		<p>L<sup>t</sup> BOTT takes over Regents Bomb Store.  L<sup>t</sup> CRAMP " " de KENNEBAK " " } from 3<sup>rd</sup> Division.  L<sup>t</sup> MOSSMAN " " LINDENHOEK Dump.  DAC moves to DRANOUTRE. I am placed in charge of supply of ammunition to 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus Div Art &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> DAC with dump at DVI between DRANOUTRE &amp; NEUVE EGLISE.</p>	
DRANOUTRE	11		L <sup>t</sup> PRIDDLE # 10 O/R of TMB's attached with certain TM bombs.	
"	12		As there are Bomb Stores at de KENNEBAK, REGENTS, & SOUVENIR I work out scheme for centralizing supply & working out the stock in two.	
"	13		L <sup>t</sup> F W LINDSELL, Adj <sup>t</sup> , from leave to England. G.O.C. inspects lines. 2/L <sup>t</sup> B.W. BOURNE from base, with reinforcements. O.C. of 3 <sup>rd</sup> A.D.A.C. inspects position of lines & reports that he can do his area.	
"	14		4 Officers # 63 O/R of TMB's arrive in attachment for duty. Looking for more billets.	
"	15		DAC moves to KEMMEL; no 2 Section shelled out of the first billet from the previous. L <sup>t</sup> BOTT transferred to 11 <sup>th</sup> AFA Bae. L <sup>t</sup> FLORANCE to 10 <sup>th</sup> AFA Bae.	
KEMMEL	16		L <sup>t</sup> R BUTTERS takes over Regents Dump. Enquiries into 60 cm. railway lines for supply of ammunition. Select a dump spot at LA POLKA	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KEMMEL	17		RMO: Capt GUILTY on leave to England: Capt WHITEMAN 4 <sup>th</sup> Div reports.	
"	18		L <sup>t</sup> H.A. McKEOWN returns from leave.	
"	19		L <sup>t</sup> R BUTTERS on leave to England. During last few days desultory shelling round vicinity of wagon lines; no casualties. L <sup>t</sup> HIRST placed 1/2 REGENTS DUMP & BOMB STORE.	
"	20		L <sup>t</sup> A.W. CROCKER returns from leave to England. L <sup>t</sup> ALLEN of TMBG attached. L <sup>t</sup> HIRST goes on " " " "	
"	21		2 O/Rs wounded at LINDENHOEK Dump carrying salvaged German fuzes. 3 NCOs wounded at REGENTS BOMB STORE de-detonating Newton Pippins preparatory to handing over to 30 <sup>th</sup> Div. I constituted a small camp and dump at WICK SIDING, 60 cm Nly, near LA POLKA. L <sup>t</sup> A. REID sent to England to be boarded for strained heart - caused in heavy gun drill.	
"	22		Nothing of importance.	
"	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Looking for billets in adjoining area. 6 PM. to 30 <sup>th</sup> Division. Handed over Regents Bomb Store at	
"	24 <sup>th</sup>		Looking for Billets. H.V. Vernon L <sup>Col</sup>	

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KEMMEL	25 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	D.A.C. mines south a few miles. Headquarters to MARIABURG FARM near DVI + DRANOUTRE; A Echelon near NEUVE EGLISE; B Echelon nearer, at NOORD HOEK.	
		10 am	Handed over LINDENHOEK DUMP to 30 <sup>th</sup> Div.	
		1 pm	Took over DVI " for 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aus D.A.C. & relieved them for duty on post.	
NEUVE EGLISE	26 <sup>th</sup>	6 am	Lt M'ADAM OC No 3 Section & Lt MARTIN OC No 1 Section go to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Army duty-school.	
		"	Lt M'KEOWN 1/2 No 1 " & Lt MORRIS 1/2 3 "	
		3 am	Lt PRIDDLE showed the 4" & 6" TM bombs at TORREKEN FARM to 30 <sup>th</sup> Div. The original map references of these bombs is now in German occupation but bombs brought back (from report by Lt PRIDDLE) to TORRIKIEK.	
"	27		Supplying & ammunition to Artillery & Infantry, proceeding normally.	
"	28		" " " " " " " " " " " "	
"	29		Capt QUILTY A.A.M.C. to 4 <sup>th</sup> Fld Amb. Capt WHITEMAN transferred in as R.M.O. Lt CROCKER, A.W. leaves for Australian Flying Corps. Handed over SOUVENIR, PETA WAWN, & de KENNEDAK A.V. Vernon Lt OC. M'ADAM.	
			Bomb Stores at 6 PM to 30 <sup>th</sup> Division.	

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NEUVE EGLISE	30 <sup>a</sup>	10 am	<p>Passed for supply of ammunition from 4<sup>th</sup> Aus Div CRA. to 30<sup>a</sup> Div CRA.            All 4<sup>th</sup> Div Trench Mortar personnel return to NIEPPE to D.T.M.O.            Lieut. J. GLEESON transferred from 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus D.A.C.            2/Lt V. G. ELLISTON arrives from Base: (Art'y Cadet School).</p>	
	31.		<p>Trench Mortar amm. 2" and 9.45" handed over to 30<sup>a</sup> D.A.C. at de KENNABEK.            Capt MOLLE, A 2 O/R report: Dental Unit attached to 4<sup>th</sup> Div. Art'y.            Capt Quilty A.A.M.C. returns from leave; A goes to 4<sup>th</sup> Fld ambulance.  <u>A. V. Vernon L.T.C.</u></p>	

## APPENDIX

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SECRET.

Issued to Lieut. Col. A. File.

4th. Aus. D.A.C. Information &amp; Warning Order. No.1 7/8/17.

- (1) By 6 p.m. K.H.Q., 1 K & 2 K will be at 36 G. 9. c. 3. 4. and 3K at 36 A. L.11. d. 1. 1.
- (2) 4th. Aus. Inf. Bde. is in Line. 13th. Aus. Inf Bde. will be in Line 7th/8th. inst. 4th. Aus. D.H.Q. on 8th. will be at DRANCOUTRE. 4th. & 13th. Bde. H.Qs NEUVE EGLISE; 13th. Bde. H.Qs. KEMMEL AREA.
- (3) G.O.C. 4th. Aus. Div. Commands whole line 10 a.m. 9th. instant. Line is BLAUWEPFOORTBEEK to U.23. b. 2. 5.
- (4) 4th. Aus. D.A. will be at DRANCOUTRE and takes command of 3rd. & 4th. Div. Artys. at 10 a.m. on 10th. inst.
- (5) 4th. Div. Arty. will hold line STEIGWAST FARM to O.23 Central & move in nights 8th/9th. & 9th/10th. Lieut. Col. Williams D.S.O. will command 11th. & 10th. Brigades (2 sub groups) and cover 4th. Aus. Div. Line.
- (6) No Orders yet re supply of ammunition. All sections to be prepared to move or supply men for dumps.

H. V. Vernon

Lieut. Col.

G.O. 4th. Aus. D.A.C.

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4th Div. D.A.G. Information & Warning Order. No. 1. 7/1/42

(1) By 8 p.m. W.H.C., I.K. & W. will be at 38 G. ...

(2) 4th Div. Inf. Bde. in the ...

(3) G.O.C. 4th Div. Commanding ...

(4) 4th Div. ...

(5) 4th Div. ...

No Orders yet re supply of ammunition. All sections to be prepared to move or supply men for guns.

Lieut. Col.

H. V. Vernon

G.O.C. 4th Div. D.A.G.

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Issued to Lieut. Cls File

4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 2. 8/8/17.

1. 4th. A.D.A.C. will take over the supply of ammunition from the 37th. D. A. C. to be complete by 12 noon on 10th. inst.
2. Lieut. BOTT, batman, & Cpl. CROOKS of 2K report on morning of 8th. inst. to 37th. Div. Dump. at 28 N. 29. c. 5. 5. "REGENTS DUMP"
3. C.O. & 1 Officer per section will ride to new wagon lines leaving K.H.Q. at 10-30 a.m. on 9th. inst. Rations & feed: Each Officer to bring a horseholder.
4. New wagon lines will probably be taken over by D.A.C. on early morning of 10th. inst.

5. POSITIONS:-

SCHEDULE.

	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Wagon Lines.</u>
10th. Bde H.Q.	N 29. c. 5.5.	N 33. a. 3.3.
37th. Bty.	O 36. c. 35.90.	N 33. c. 2.3.
38th. Bty	O 25. b. 80.20.	N 31. d. 3.3.
39th. Bty	O 25. c. 5. 5.	N 33. c. 6.8.
110th. Bty	O 25. b. 40.55.	N 31. d. 3.6.
11th. Bde H.Q.	N 23. b. 25.25	N 17. c. 4.2.
41st. Bty.	O 26. a. 0.50.	N 25. a. 9.9.
42nd. Bty. )		
1 section. )	O 21. a. 30.30	N 26. b. 70.50
" 2 sections	O 19. c. 36.29.	
43rd. Bty. )		
1 section )	O 20. a. 70.20.	S 6. a. 00.80.
" 2 sections	O 19. c. 50.59.	
111th. Bty.	O 25. b. 60.40.	N 27. a. 20.80/
K.H.Q.	DRANOUTRE.	
1K	GRAHAMSTOWN.	
2K	NORBURY.	
3K	DURBAN LINES.	

6. 4th. D.A. & 4th. D.H.Q. will be at Ulster Camp DRANOUTRE. 4th. Aus. Mob. Vet. section will move on 8th. & take location of M.V.S. of 37th. Div. Supply Railhead STEENWERCK for few days & then near DRANOUTRE. R. E. DUMPS are at LINDENHOEK, KENNEBAK, & WULVERGHEM. Salvage Dump at NEUVE EGLISE. BATHS at KEMMEL, LINDENHOEK & DRANOUTRE. D.A.D.O.S. at DRANOUTRE.
7. Units are instructed to Boil all DRINKING WATER. Doubts exist as to its purity.

H.V. Vernon

Lieut. Col.

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

SECRET.Issued to Lieut. Col. File4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 3. 8/8/17.

1. In accordance with D.A. Ad. Inst. No. 5:-

Each Section will daily render K.H.Q. at 9-30 a.m. usual ammunition returns, commencing 9th. inst.

2. Prior to 9-30 a.m. on 9th. inst. 1K will hand over to & obtain receipt from 2K 120,000 rounds of S.A.A. This will equalise the quantity carried in both sections.
3. B Echelon will have the right to move up to new area in two flights, each on successive days. The 1st. day 1K & 2K will each be allotted 3 empty G.S.Wagons, which will be returned the same evening to B Echelon for its own use on 2nd. day.
4. B Echelon will send one empty G.S.Wagon with 24 hours rations & feed to Adj. 10th. A.F.A. Bde. to report at 8 a.m. at A.30.a.O.l. (west of BAILLEUL) on 9th. inst. Thus 10th. Bde will have two G.S.Wagons of B Echelon and they have been asked to return them both to B Echelon lines early on morning of 10th. inst.

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

4th. Aus. D.A.C. Order No. 4 9/8/17.

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1. D. A. C. will move to DRANOUTRE Billets.  
Order of March :- 2K, 1K, K.H.Q. 3K.  
Route :- STEENWERCK, NEUVE EGLISE, to DRANOUTRE.  
Hour of starting :- 2K 7-30 a.m. 1K 7-45 a.m. K.H.Q. 8 a.m.  
Portion B Echelon start 8 a.m. under O.C.  
M.O. will march in rear of B Echelon. Head of Column will arrive at DRANOUTRE CHURCH at 10-30 a.m. & march to Billets.  
On arrival at NEUVE EGLISE B Echelon will detach the N.C.Os & men under Lieut. Cramp for DE KENNEBAK including SOUVENIR.
  2. 3K T.S.Wagon to march on 10th. All T.S. Wagons to concentrate at B Echelon camp after arrival & be i/c a/Bdr. Hotchin, who will immediately return all teams and drivers
  3. B Echelon will supply 2 empty G.S.Wagons for K.H.Q. arriving 7 a.m. these will be returned after the march to the Doulieu Camp.
  4. The following are the Dumps :-
 

REGENTS BOMB DUMP:	Lieut. BOTT & personnel of	2K.
LINDENHOLK (Railhead)	Lieut. MOSSMAN	do. 1K.
DE KENNEBAK do. )		
SOUVENIR BOMB DUMP. )	Lieut. CRAMP	do. 3K.
- 1K & 2K are already arranged; O.C. 3K to supply not less than 10 men to Lieut. CRAMP, including 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl. 1 Cook, 1 Clerk-Telephonist, dixies &c. and prepare for a party of from 50 to 100 as required on arrival of reinforcements.

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

SECRET.

Issued to Lieut. Col's Fde.

4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 5. 10/8/17.

1. There is now a shortage of stock at Regents Bomb Dump; more men may be required to go forward on short notice to unload, stack & return to camp.
2. REGENTS BOMB DUMP serves 12th. Aus. Inf. Bde. SOUVENIR serves 4th: DE KENNEBEK is not a railhead but a reserve BOMB dump.
3. 4th. D.A. G/7 extracts: "Supply to Artillery & Infantry of 4th. Aus. Div. will be carried out by 4th. D.A.C. To Artillery of 3rd. Aus. Div. by 3rd. D.A.C. as far as practicable: All supply to be under orders of O.C. 4th. Aus. D.A.C." It is therefore arranged that 3rd. Div. Arty. is supplied by 3rd. D.A.C. from "DV4 railhead", approx. T 7 central. 3rd. D.A.C. H.Q. is approx. S 18. d.l.l.
4. Republished for information of Os. C. :- All requests for wagons for carrying engineers materials to gunpits must bear authority of Sub Group (Bde.) Commander, and wagon may be supplied with pair of wheelers only, the Bty. adding centre & lead & wagon to be returned next day. K.H.Q. approval to be obtained. Requests for carrying empty shell cases may be met by O.C. without reference, one wagon only per Battery per night and draw from no further forward than Bty. Wagon Lines. Requests for other wagons must come from D.A. through K.H.Q. implying authority to dump the wagon establishment till return of wagon. *or myth draw it from Infantry work of which at present there is a good deal.*
5. All Sections to ensure forthwith that all messengers & N.C.Os. know at least the map position of Dumps & Offices &c., and that most N.C.Os. actually visit the localities.
6. Republished for information of Dump Officers:-
  - (a) Wherever there is ammunition there must be a guard, except when the guard is turned out to work on the dump by reason of a large amount of work.
  - (b) No smoking or sleeping in close proximity to ammunition.
  - (c) Stacks will be separated by fire breaks or passages.
  - (d) Visit of any K.H.Q. Officer will be treated as Visiting Rounds.
  - (e) Usual regulations with regard to empties & defectives kept separate, tins for loose nails, latrines & cleanliness, muster parades &c.

*H.V. Vernon*

Lieut. Col.

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

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SECRET.Issued to Lieut. Col's File.4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 6. 11/8/17.

1. DE KENNEBEK is reinforced by 10 o/r of 1K and Lieut. PRIDDLE & 10 o/r of T.M.B: M.T.M. & H.T.M. Bombs are in this Dump.
2. REGENTS BOMB DUMP is reinforced by 5 o/r of 2K.
3. Railhead and dump of 3rd. D.A.C. is DV1 on NEUVE EGLISE road, not DV4 as stated in Order No. 5 para 3. All messengers to locate. Lieut. WILLIAMS is i/c dump.
4. Condition of road from REGENTS DUMP or LINDENHOEK - SPY FARM - SOUVENIR is good for wagons.
5. Left Bde. (12th) has Bde. Reserve Dumps :-  

For 3" Stokes Bombs	-	-	-	0 27.	a.	1.	2.
For other & S.A.A.			Pick House	0 26.	a.	4.	7.

  
 Right Bde (4th) at - Boyles Farm- U 1. a. 4. 1.
6. 2nd. ANZAC Q 1481/17/1 Extracts:- Dump floors must be kept in repair, and be made up to a height of about 1 foot above ground level. Drains cut all round and maintained ( use howitzer boxes) Sheds must be made weatherproof and front and rear openings be covered in. Spare Howitzer charge tins collected for Batteries. Rubber fuze covers collected and used. Ammunition sorted into delay and non-delay fuzes.

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

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Reference.

4th. A.D.A.C.

Order No. 7.

13/8/17.

1. I am directed to draw your attention to the inadequate steps which are being taken for the care and preservation of ammunition, showing that the serious effect of damp and exposure to weather are not fully realised. Ammunition which has deteriorated from these conditions means irregular shooting; in serious cases this causes "prematures" resulting in loss of life and destruction of material, and shell falling short in our own trenches, and in less serious cases excessive wear of the guns and "blinds".
2. The following obvious causes which particularly tend to deterioration have come to notice :-
  - (a) Tarpaulins are placed directly on ammunition stacks, which causes it to sweat and prevents the circulation of air and allows the rain to run down the stacks and form a pool of water for the ammunition to stand in.
  - (b) Tarpaulins are placed carelessly on the ammunition, allowing rain to get in between them when two or more are used, or they sag or are blown open by wind and let in the rain.
  - (c) Inadequate arrangements for raising ammunition off the ground to keep it out of water and mud.
  - (d) Total absence of or inadequacy of drainage round dumps.
  - (e) Ammunition salvaged from vacated dumps and battery positions, in a wet and dirty condition, being stored at same place as servicable ammunition.
3. To remedy the present unsatisfactory conditions, the following steps will immediately be taken to ensure that ammunition does not deteriorate or suffer from exposure to rain and damp before it reaches the gun position.
  - (a) All boxed ammunition, propellants, fuzes and components T.M. ammunition must be protected so that no rain can possibly reach the boxes or cylinders containing ammunition, and in such a way that there is not only cover but free air space. If tarpaulins are used they should never be allowed to rest on the ammunition, but be raised off it, so that air can circulate.
  - (b) Floors should be built up to prevent moisture from the ground reaching the ammunition, and drainage system looked after.
  - (c) Ammunition in wagons and limbers becomes damp through "sweating"-boxes should be kept open on fine days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and ammunition ~~wk~~ wiped dry periodically.
  - (d) All ammunition is to be turned over in as short a time as possible.
  - (e) Ammunition recovered from dumps and vacated battery positions should not be collected in any dump containing servicable ammunition, a separate collection place about 100 yards away should be selected where overhaul and sorting can be carried out.

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4. If ammunition is properly cared for from the time it leaves the manufacturer's hands to the time it is placed in the guns the number of casualties to our own troops will be decreased and the number of casualties inflicted on the enemy will be increased

Headquarters,  
SECOND ARMY.  
9/8/17.

(Sgd.)

--- MAJOR GENERAL,  
D. A. & Q.M.G.

-----  
2nd. Anzac No. Q 1481/7/23.

4th. Aus. Div.

For information and compliance.

Will you please report by 15th. instant that the instructions contained in the above letter have been complied with.

Headquarters,  
2nd. ANZAC CORPS.  
11/8/1917.

(Sgd.)

----- Lieut. Col.  
A.Q.M.G.

5. From C.O. to Os.C. & Gun Dump Officers:- Reference, 3. (d), Special instructions are issued to-day: B Echelon will exchange first. The certificate of compliance for D.A. will be rendered to K.H.Q. by 8 p.m. on 14th. inst., particularizing what is in hand and not yet complied with. S.A.A. boxes will make a suitable platform where no other is obtainable, for gun ammunition stacks. Number of tarpaulins at section to be shown on certificate. Suitable drains must be cut at once.

6. 242 Bde. R.F.A. will be supplied on demand.

*H.V. Venn* Lieut. Col.  
C.O. 4th. Aus. D. A. C.:

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SECRET.Issued to Lieut. CA4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 8 14/8/17.

1. Lieut. PRIDDLE and 10 o/r of T.M. Btys. are at DE KENNEBURY assisting O.C. Dump chiefly with T.M. Bombs but available for all duties.
2. Code Call of K.H.Q. through telephone exchange is now "GGX" this will supercede "AACD" gradually.
3. A Echelon Sections will report to-day on morning ammunition state of 14th. inst., the number & Class of rounds held on wheels for over 6 weeks; also any that may require ~~passing~~ replacing from other reasons than time.
4. Approximate expenditure of Batteries is at present 20 rounds per day.
5. 2K is salving on road near PICK HOUSE.
6. Move out of these billets will take place on 15th. inst.

H.V. Veum Lieut. Col.  
C.O. 4th. Aus. D. A. C.

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SECRET.Issued to Lieut. Wells4th? A.D.A.C. Order No. 9. 14/8/17.

1. D.A.C. will move from Reserve Area forward on 15th. inst.

2. All Billets will be cleared by 12 noon of wagons, baggage etc. If it is necessary to make a second<sup>ly</sup> trip only ammunition may be left behind and under guard and loaded up in afternoon.

3. All care will be taken to leave huts and ground clean.

4. Map References of new locality :-

K. H.Q.	N 26. b. 9. 7.
1K	N 21. c. 5. 3.
2K	N 26. b. 8. 4.
3K	N 21. c. 3. 3.

1K & 3K will find several small areas adjoining close to Kemmel. 1K will find room in paddock of 11th. Bty. or just opposite. 3K nearer Kemmel, or as arranged by K.H.Q. during afternoon.

5. There are no huts or tents; latter have been asked for.
6. It is advised that O's. C. lead out half a section directly after breakfast and remainder before noon, in passing through DRANOUTRE they will notify K.H.Q.
7. Route :- DRANOUTRE east through N 31. 32. 33 :- Via Plank Road - Kemmel Church.
8. Technical Store H.C.O. will march at 10-30 a.m. with the 3 wagons and find a building in Kemmel - south end.
9. M.O. Will lead leave DRANOUTRE CHURCH at 12-30 p.m. A.A.M.C. personnel with their sections.
10. K. Post Office, opposite existing K.H.Q. will be retained for the present under A/Bdr. Peglar and Ganner Driver H.R. Barlow.
11. K.H.Q. closes at 11-30 a.m. at DRANOUTRE and re-opens at 12-30 p.m. in new position - 600 yards south west of Kemmel.

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SECRET.Issued to. Lieut. Wells4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 10. 18/8/17.

1. Order No. 9 is move order.
2. Map References of D.A.C. after 1 p.m. 15th.
 

K.H.Q.	N	26.	b.	9.	5.
1K.	N	27.	a.	1.	2.
2K.	N	26.	b.	8.	4.
3K.	N	21.	c.	5.	4.
3. Technical stores SW end of Kemmel.
4. K. Post Office DRANOUTRE opposite old K.H.Q.

(This has been amended from old list No. 10 of 14/8/17. )

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SECRET.

Issued to Lieut. Bl's File4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 11. 17/8/17.

1. REGENTS BOMB STORE is i/c Lieut. BUTTERS & Lieut. HIRST.
2. S.A. Cartridges for Use with Rifle Grenades. Reference A.R.O.981. The use of the Mark VII unbulleted cartridge with rifle grenades will be discontinued as soon as possible. Demands will be forwarded to ammunition railheads for 35 grain or 43 grain cartridges to replace the Mark VII pattern in possession and supply will be made as they become available. It should be understood that it may not be possible to stop altogether the issue (in grenade boxes) of Mark VII unbulleted cartridges, as the pattern of cartridge supplied inside rifle grenade boxes can only be discovered by opening each box. (Q.M.G. 22 (Q.B.2), dated 6/8/17).
3. Grenades, Mills: To avoid risk of accident when the Mills Grenade is fired from the rifle, brass base plugs should not be used. All brass base plugs which may be met with should be returned to ammunition railheads and iron base plugs demanded to replace them. (Q.M.G. 10/22 (Q.B.2), dated 3/8/17).
4. Caretakers in forward bomb stores must know where each class of stock is stored: Their duty includes filling receptacles with water if available, and place them close to stores. 2 men to a forward area should usually be sufficient.
5. Souvenir stock may shortly be carried back to a central depôt & REGENTS worked out.
6. 13th. Inf. Bde. will relieve 12th. in Left Sector on the 21st. inst.
7. Corrected 'Wagon Line Dispositions' :-  
Reference - Sheet 28. : 1/40,000.
 

10th. Bde. H.Q.	-	N 33 a	1	5
37.	-	T 3 a	3	9
38.	-	T 3 a	9	5
39.	-	N 33 c	9	0
110.	-	T 1 a	9	9
11th. Bde. H.Q.	-	N 17 c	4	2
41.	-	N 25 b	00	85
42.	-	N 27 a	4	9
43.	-	T 1 a	9	9
111.	-	N 27 a	2	8
8. Os. C. sections to give return of amount of Pistol Ball ammunition on 18th.

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SECRET.Issued to Lieut. Col's File.4th? A.D.A.C. Order No. 12: 18/8/17.

1. Ref. D.A. Ad. Int. No. 8 :-  
 LA POLKA 60 c.m. L. Railway allots 6 - 10 ton trucks.  
 K.H.Q. will order sections to carry ammunition to WICK SIDING on this line. WICK SIDING will be i/c Lt. FELSTEAD and guard and loading party of 3K, probably about 3 N.C.Os and 8 o/r. At 4 p.m. Daily K.H.Q. indent for trucks, & the last order for transporting from LINDENHOEK to WICK is given to sections. Trucks will arrive and be loaded by Lt. FELSTEAD who will have a 3K messenger on bicycle or horse who on despatch of trucks or notification of hour at which they go forward will hurry to K.H.Q., so that wires can be sent to Bdes. giving the hour.  
 The trucks will bring back boxes & E.C.C. as a rule and these are to be nailed properly and transported from WICK to LINDENHOEK.  
 O.C. 3K to supply all reasonable shelter, tools, tarpaulins, water, rations etc., for WICK as asked for O.C. WICK.

2. References of Sidings on 60 c.m. L. Rly:-

S Line :-

WICK	N	22	c	3	3
NAPLES	N	30	b	3	5
WOOLWICH	N	30	b	5	0
CHATHAM	N	30	d	6	4
KELOWNA	N	30	d	6	0
ENDERBY	N	36	d	9	5
VERNON	U	1	b	5	6

W 1. &

W 2. :-

WILTON	O	19	c	2	3
WHITEHALL	O	20	c	2	2

3. From 10 a.m. 19th. inst.  
 Lieut. CRAMP will manage supply of Infantry stores to both Bdes. in line: Lieut. PRIDDLE o/c KENNEBEK & SOUVENIR with 3K personnel: Lieut. HIRST o/c REGENTS with 2K personnel.

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SECRET:Issued to Lieut. L. G. C.4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 13 19/8/17.

## 1. Salvage of gun ammunition in this sector to date :-

1K Nil.  
 2K 160 A & 329 A X :  
 3K Nil.  
 K.H.Q. Nil.

## 2. Salvage areas are to be cleaned up from receipt of this :-

1K 11th. Bde. Salvage officer will place rounds, boxes, E.C.C. etc., on roads: Section will collect this & all Infantry stock found :-

North: WYTSCHAETE - East to Front Line:  
 South: N 36 b 2 8 - 0 31 central to Front Line:  
 West: " - WYTSCHAETE:  
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3K. 10th. Bde. ditto: ditto;  
 North: SPY FARM - East to WYTSCHAETE:  
 South: T 5 b central - N.E. to "  
 West: " " - N.W. to "

2K :- Search for all classes :-

North: STORE FARM - WICK SIDING - KEMMEL - LOCRE HOSPICE:  
 South: WULVERGHEM - N 34 - N 33 - N 32 b - N 31 d - DRANOUTRE:  
 West: LOCRE - DRANOUTRE:

## 3. Salvaged Artillery stock to go to LINDENHOEK DUMP:

" Infantry stock to go to WICK SIDING:

## 4. South boundary of the above 3 areas will be in hands of 3rd. Aus. D.A.C.

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SECRET.Issued to Lieut. Cl4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 1 20/8/17.

1. Sections to be prepared to move 23rd. or 24th.
2. Billets will probably be DRANOUTRE as before.
3. K.H.Q. may be RAVELSBURG.
4. Lieut. CRAMP will hand over REGENTS BOMB STORES at 6 p.m. on 22nd. inst. to new Division.
5. Probably the gun dump will be D V 1 with 3K personnel.

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SECRET.Issued to Lieut. Colo. Fite.4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 2 22/8/17.

1. 13th. Bde. take over from N.Z. Div. from U 11 d 5 4 to U 5 b central:  
G.O.C. 4th. Div. i/c from 1 p.m. 23rd.
2. MOVES :-
 

23rd.	10 a.m.	4th. A.D.A.H.Q.	reopens at RAVELSBURG.
"	"	4th. A.D.H.Q.	" " "
"	"	C.R.A. 30th. Div.	is i/c Arty. North half sector.
24th?		1 Section 10th. Bde.	to STEENWERCK Res. Area.
"		1 " 11th. "	" " BAILLEUL X 24 a.
25th.	10 a.m.	Remainder of 10th. & 11th. to above lines. 4th. A.D.A.C. relieved by 30th. D.A.C. in North half & LINDENHOEK dump <del>North</del> handed over.	
"	1 p.m.	4th. A.D.A.C. takes over D V 1 & 3rd. A.D.A.C. is relieved.	
26/27th.		11th. A.F.A.Bde.	to new gun positions.
28th.		" "	Wagon lines move.
3. At 1 p.m. 23rd. the Southern group ~~the~~ will be 311th. R.F.A. group & Northern will be 7th. Aus. F.A.Bde. & 29th. & 108th. A.F.A.
4. The 11th. Bde. will join Southern group :-
 

1 Bty.	T 6 a	8040	
1 "	N 36 c	1545	
1 "	T 6 a	4085	26/27
11th. Bty.	T 5 b	9 6	
5. 25th. inst. 4th. A.D.A.C. will move to lines near D V 1. Previously these camps will be taken over, and any wagons held in readiness to transport Bty. baggage will have their ammunition dumped there under guard.
6. Lieut. FELSTEAD with <sup>one</sup> batman & Sgt. of 3K will join Lieut. WILLIAMS at D V 1 on 24th. inst. by 11 a.m. On 25th. by 1 p.m. Lieut. JACOBS & batman of 1K with dump personnel of 3K as ordered later, will come under orders of Lieut. FELSTEAD.
7. Lieut. MOSSMAN & personnel will rejoin their Sections at 10 a.m. 25th.
8. From 25th. inst. the personnel on all dump & field work will not contain more than 50 percent of T.M. Btys. if any.
9. K.H.Q. will move the Post Office & Store to DE KENNEBEK Bomb Store on 24th. inst.
10. K.H.Q. will probably take over 3rd. A.D.A.C. quarters at RAVELSBURG at 1 p.m. 25th.

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Issued to Lieut. Cls File.

4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 3. 24/8/17.

- 1. D.A.C. will move on 25th. inst. K.H.Q. will re-open at South end of D V 1 at noon. Sections will march independently, arranging own traffic if meeting.

LOCATIONS :-

	<u>T 1 7 4 9</u>	
K.H.Q.	T 7 a 6 8	D V 1. <i>Marickring</i>
1K & 2K	T 7 d 9 9	
3K	T 14 a 9 6	NOORDHOEK.

- 2. Technical stores will be concentrated under Bdr. Hotchins in A Echelon. O.C. 2K will provide space etc. Teams to be returned to their sections after the move. 2K will ration.

- 3. OTHER LOCATIONS :-

10th. A.F.A.Bde.	A 30 c 4 3	SEQUENEAU.
	G 3 b 6 6	Pt. MORTIER.
	A 30 c 4 8	
	S 10 b 2 2	BOUDRETTE.
	G 6 a 2 9	CROIX du BAC.
4th. Bde. Res. Dump.	U 2 a 7 9	MILL HOSPICE.
13th. " "	U 3 c 8 2	<i>Stemity. Dump</i>
4th. Div. Bomb store.	DE KENNEBEEK.	<i>Schnitzel</i>
Forward " "	( SOUVENIR	
	( PETAWAWN	

- 4. Estab: at guns 200 rounds 18 pdr. 200 rds. 4.5"

- 5. Southern group now : 311th. Bde: 12th. & 13th. N.Z.Btys. under Lt. Col. PREESTON.

Northern Group : 7th. Aus. F. A. Bde. under Lt. Col. MACARTNEY.

Superimposed group : 11th. A.F.A.Bde. (27th. inst.) under Lt. Col. P. M. EDWARDS.

- 6. South : 2 Battalions: 13th. Bde.
- North.: 1 " 4th. "

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SECRET:Issued to Lieut. Co4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 4. 26/8/17.

1. Infantry supply personnel on 27th. under Lieut. CRAMP will be supplied by 1K, relieving 3K men before morning of 28th. 29  
In accordance with R.O. No. 377 Lieut. PRIDDE and o/r of Z 4 a are transferred from 3K to 1K. 1K will commence rationing the whole personnel on 28th. inst.

2. Map; reference K.H.Q. is T 1 d 4 9 MARIABURG:

3. The following were total quantities salvaged in last salvage area:-

	18 pdr.	B X	Other.
1K	292	567	-
2K	882	-	-
3K	591	22	-
KHQ.	1	-	-
Total:	1766.	589	-

4. Salvage areas here :-

1K area: Salvage to be stacked by 7th. Aus. F.A.Bde & reported:

North: BELL FARM - MIDDLE FARM - DELPORTE FARM:

West: " - GOOSEBERRY FARM:

South: GOOSEBERRY - SCHNITZELL (13th. Bde. Reg. Dump) - STEIGNAST FARM - EAST:

2K area: Salvage by 31th. Bde. R.F.A.:-

North: South line 1K's area:

West: GOOSEBERRY FARM - HYDE PARK CORNER:

South: HYDE PARK CORNER - STRAFFERS NEST - BROKEN TREE HOUSE - SUNKEN FARM:

3K area: Salvage by 11th. Aus. F.A.Bde:-

East: The two West boundaries above:

Other: BELL FARM - SHELL FARM - WULVERGHEM - WHITE GATES - SHRINE - HYDE PARK CORNER:

KHQ area: To be searched for and carried by own personnel:

East: SHELL FARM - WULVERGHEM - SHRINE:

North: SHELL FARM - DAYLIGHT CORNER - E. of DRANOUTRE - D V 1.

West: D V 1. - § 16 b 1 9 - § 27 central:

South: § 27 central - DE SEULE corner: - KORTPEYP CABT/ - ALOUETTE - WHITE GATES:

These 4 areas are also to be read as 4th. Aus. Divisional area:

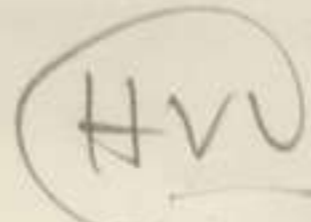
5. 26th. Army Bde. R.F.A. will relieve 7th. A.F.A.Bde. 29th-31st. August; and at ( ) 8 a.m. 31st: the end of Northern Group, Left Sector, 2nd. Anzac Arty. will pass to C.O. 26th.Bde.

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SECRET.Issued to Lieut. Cls File4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 5 28/8/17.

1. Establishment of ammunition at gun positions will be 400 rounds of 18 pdr. & 4.5".
2. 30th. Division will take over 4th. Aus. Div. Front during 28th. 29th. & 30th. G.O.C. hands over at 10 a.m. on 30th. inst.
3. 30th. Div. will take over Div. Bomb store at DE KENNEBEK 6 p.m. 29th. inst. The forward Bomb stores will be shown and handed over. After relief the personnel will return to their section.
4. At 9-30 a.m. sharp Lieuts. CRAMP & PRIDDLE will give 2 hours instruction to 2/Lieuts. JACOBS, QUAIL & MOSMAN, at DE KENNEBEK. Os. C. will arrange horses etc., and also send one N.C.O. per section, who has not seen component parts nor done duty on an Infantry Dump.
5. sections are warned of an early move. Efforts to be made to have D V L. in perfect order & correct counting.
6. To-day 3K will draw 70,000 rounds each from 1K & 2K, total 140,000.
7. It is now a standing order to 4th. & 13th. Bdes. that a guide will meet convoy of supplies ~~nightly~~ at SOUVENIR FARM nightly at 8 p.m. when indents are lodged.



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SECRET.Issued to Lt Col. Fite.4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 6 29/8/17.

1. At 10 a.m. 30th. inst. the 7th. & 11th. Aug. & 31th. Bdes. pass to C.R.A. 30th. Div. The 12th. & 13th. N. Z. Btys. remain until 10 a.m. 1st. sept. Front will be U.11.d.6.5 - U.11.b.3.6.
2. 4th. Aug. D.A.C. Will hand over supply to 30th. D.A.C. at 10 a.m. on 1st. sept.
3. 30th/31st/1st. sept. 26th. Army Bde. relieves 7th. Aug. Bde. 1st/2nd. sept. 11th. Aug. Bde. from action to wagon lines.
4. Div. Arty will march shortly to a Reserve Artillery Area, in order 10th. 11th. & 4th. A.D.A.C.
5. From Amendments to Instructions for Care & Pres. of Ammn. & Exp. in Field :-

Para 9. (a) Transport in trucks, carts or wagons, of Grenades & Bombs which have been fitted with detonators should be avoided as far as possible.

Para 13. (b) No thoroughfare through the area of an ammunition dump should be permitted, unless required for the efficient working of the dump. No person is to be permitted to enter the area of a dump except on duty.

Para 16. (c) Written orders giving the procedure to be adopted in case of fire are to be brought to the notice of all concerned. Copies of these orders are to be posted up in conspicuous positions.

6. SECRET INFORMATION:-

- (a) "Captured documents detailing the results of the investigation of British prisoners disclose the fact that in many cases individuals have been given information prior to operations which it is unnecessary and very dangerous for them to know.

Although it is essential for everyone taking part in an attack to know everything necessary to enable him to carry out his task and to co-operate with the action of his neighbours, it is generally essential to ensure that no one knows more of the general plan than is absolutely necessary.

It is impossible to lay down definite rules as to the amount of information which should be imparted to the various individuals, Units & formations in an Army, but the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief looks to all Army Commanders to impress on the Commanders and staffs of all formations the necessity, whenever an order or instruction in connection with forthcoming operations is written or circulated, to limit the information concerning the plan to what is absolutely necessary for the recipient to know for the efficient execution of his duties.

subordinates should only be made acquainted with such information as the latest possible moment with due regard to the efficient performance of their duties, thus avoiding the dangers inherent to the premature knowledge of secret information.

- (b) The above is forwarded for information and necessary action. This subject is to receive serious consideration. Commanding Officers will be held responsible for ensuring that no leakage occurs from this source.

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- (c) ~~The~~ D.A.C. secret Orders give much information however that O.S.C. would be wise to publish in the sections at first parade, such as Divisional Boundaries, road reports, salvage etc.
- (d) Evidences are frequent that these orders which naturally are important to O.S.C for the success of their work are not filed properly in their Office, & cannot be used for reference, being destroyed or removed. A receipt form entails extra work on all sides and it is hoped to avoid this.

- 7. The personnel of T.M. Btys must be relieved of all special & dump duties by 8-30 a.m. on 30th. inst. 2/Lieut. JACCBS to be i/c D V 1.
- 8. At <sup>4 p</sup> 9 a.m. <sup>29</sup> 30th. inst. 2/Lieut. <sup>Mossman</sup> ~~WEL~~ will report for duty at D V 1. also 8 c/r including 2 N.C.Os who have not yet been on Arty. Dump duty. 3K will continue to ration: ~~all other ranks of A Echelon will withdraw early on morning of 30<sup>th</sup>~~ all ~~others~~.
- 9. In anticipation of new establishment 3K will carry 108 rds. of 18pdr. less than existing. On afternoon of ~~30~~ 30th. inst. 3K will return 216 A and draw 108 AX at D V 1. <sup>30<sup>th</sup></sup> but return with 108 A if AX not available.
- 10. A Echelon moves on 30<sup>th</sup> A HHR & 3K on 31<sup>st</sup>, to Temporary billets.

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