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4TH. AUS. D.A.C.  
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1st.

BUSS EBOOM.

Lieut F.W. Lindsell to England; Lieut Gleeson appointed A/Ajdt. Capt W. Tompkinson, (R.A.G.A.), from AUS. Heavy Arty, reports for duty, and is appointed Orderly Officer; 2/LIEUT Gaunt used for H.D. Qrts work, and sent by 'bus to HAZEBROUCK, with 1 N.C.O. per section, to receive and mark out billets in MORBECQUE.

Lieut Gaunt rides to EECHE staging camp with Section guides.

Skinning and burying 13 mules of Hd Qrts killed by bombs last night; a few spare mules are lent to 10th. & 11th. Bdes for the march, the former having lost 60 or 70 last night. Going carefully into the wagon load

for to-morrow's march, I find that "B" Echelon, after loaning 9 wagons to Bdes, will not have enough to move S.A.A. owing to shortage of animals; the Q.M. stores and Farriers require 5 wagons, besides this there has to be moved Orderly Room papers and equipment, Canteen, Technical Stores, Cooks' equipment, Officers' & sergts' mess utensils, etc.; so it is arranged to leave two or three men as guards to look after 5 G.S.Ws wagons' loads of S.A.A., and send back for them at first opportunity; this of course is usual in the D.A.C.; no provision being made for any thing except 1 Cooks' Cart, even this has been deleted in proposed new W.E., 642. As "B" Echelon has some huts at its billets, I advise building S.A.A. round walls of them to gain more safety.

H.V. Vernon

2nd.

BEAUVORDE.

1st day's march, starting point X Roads at Tanks, OUDERDOOM, passing these at 10.40 am, and marching via RENINGHELST, - ABEELE & ROULE; Hd Qrts & No 1 Section to BEAUVORDE, Sections 1 & 3 to NONNE BOSCH.

Close inspection en route shows that "A" Echelon has recovered a great deal from its severe work and losses, in YPRES Sector particularly, but "B" Echelon is reduced to 21 Wagons, and a column of spare mules.

Generally speaking, the farmers owning billets have not been slow to grumble at Arty being parked on their grounds, and in one case particularly the Officers and men preferred to sleep in tents rather than encroach on them.

H.V. Vernon

3rd.

LA CUNEWELLE.

2nd day's march continued through STEENVOORDE to starting point, which was X Roads 600 yds East of St SYLVESTRE CHAPELLE - HAZEBROUCK, to billets S.W. of same. There are no paddocks for wagon parks, so I park along both sides of country road, total 800 yds long; and arrange for lanterns to be hung at front and rear, to be attended to by wagon Guard. The horses are all concentrated in one paddock, but the barns allotted as billets are in many cases half a mile away, and in some cases a mile; however the roads are good for marching.

Lieut Morris evacuated with sore on knee.

H.V. Vernon

4th.

LA CUNEWELLE.

2nd/Lieut Garvin and 13 other ranks to T.M. School.

Capt. Molle and Dental Unit, move all equipment, personnel, etc. to 11th. Bde.

During the day arranging sub-sections in billets, of which there are 2 or 3 to each section, and seeing how to arrange cooking to best advantage, seeing that there is not enough equipment, utensils, cooks, or covering for each billet.

H.V. Vernon

5th.

LA CUNEWELLE.

All Officers attend

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5th.	LA CUNEWELLE.	<p>4TH. AUS. D.A.C. PAGE NO. 2 OF NOVEMBER 1917.</p> <p>All Officers attend a meeting convened by C.R.A. at MORBECQUE, where D.A. is situated. 2/Lieut Gaunt and 5 G.S. Wagons return for 205700 SAA 000 rnds left at BUSSEBOOM. Capt W. Tompkinson leaves on transfer to the 110th. Bty. It has been found most unsatisfactory leaving the Wagons parked along both sides of the roads, particularly with regard to the moving of equipment here and there during the night; so by building culverts etc. I shall be able to collect all Wagons in the horse-paddock. H.V. Vernon Ltr</p>
6th.	LA CUNEWELLE.	Routine and cleaning. H.V.
7th.		Routine and cleaning. H.V.
8th.		Supplied 32 Outward Reinforcements to Bdes. 46 O.R. sent to BOULOGNE for remounts. Capt. W.R.C. McNaught reports on transfer from 11th. Bde, and takes command of No. 1 section. H.V.
9th.		Lieut. Challoner transfers back to Div. T.M.B Capt. H. Retchford reports from Base, and is posted to No. 1 Section for instruction. 15 Gnrs and Drvs go through examination for A/Bdr, of which 8 were appointed. H.V.
10th.		Wagon and Harness cleaning proceeding steadily; as many subsections have to march distances up to a mile from their billets to the horse-lines, a certain amount of time is lost, but the foot-drill and marching have put a great deal of vigour into the ranks. H.V.
11th.		Sunday. Concentrated Church Parade at H.Qtrs; and band of the 13th. Batn kindly lent. H.V.
12th.		Sub-Park delivers by motor lorries about 2/3rds of our A.L.W. Establishment 18 pdr & 4.5 how. ammn. The distribution of this along the road from the lorries, and the loading of wagons without delay, and collection of empty boxes, was prepared for in minute detail, and made a training subject; all dump responsibility falling on a Sergt. The dump N.C.O. by experience is always placed with full powers over the traffic, whether convoyed by Officers or otherwise. H.V.
13th.		More ammn. arrives, making 2736 rnds 18 pdr, 576 4.5 how. In the afternoon I take the whole D.A.C. on parade in a field, and exercised the men in wheeling by sections and Parade movements. This was only the second occasion on which the D.A.C. has paraded as a whole since SERAPEUM in Egypt in May 1916; on the whole the drill was of good quality. Capt. C.A. Sherwood, D.T.M.O. is attached to D.A.C., with clerks, stores and senior N.C.O.s., and is posted to Hd Qtrs. I receive an order that the additional personnel carried surplus on D.A.C. is now cancelled; this was 1 Off. 15 O.R., trained T.M. reinforcements; and 40 Gnrs & 20 Dvrs for dump and detached duties: as we are out of the line the loss of these will not be felt, but the back pages of this Diary will show when in the line frequently as many as 150 all ranks on works outside the lines; and in the DOUVE VALLEY, after the MESSINES WYCHETTE advance as many H.V.



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	13th. (Contd)			
	13th.		<p><u>LA CUNEWELLE</u> as 420 men, including those attached for the purpose were found necessary for Railhead, light railway loading, dump unloading parties, and trench tram line mule convoys. <i>H.V. Vernon LTR</i></p>	
	14th.		<p>Parade took place to-day at LE HARGARDE, near MORBECQUE, at which 10th. &amp; 11th; Bdes and D.A.C. were inspected by Corps Commander, General Birdwood.</p> <p>At the presentation of Medals, Capt. W.R.C. McNaught received the M.C., Dvr Lucas Military Medal &amp; Bar, and T/Serjt Brogan, Cpl Sellick, Dvrs Hough, Knox and Diggles, Military Medals.</p> <p>The D.A.C. movements were particularly steady and smart, and the march-past by Subsections was performed at the proper rate in good lines; this was due to daily subsection parades, for as before stated, there has been no practice in combined movements.</p> <p>Orders received to move to-morrow by road, and all arrangements are made and orders issued.</p> <p>I am granted permission to proceed on leave and Major C.H. Spurge is temporarily attached to D.A.C. to Command during absence. <i>H.V.</i></p>	
	15th.		<p>I leave for England in the morning and hand over to Major Spurge.</p> <p>Attached to original of this Diary are various March Orders for the next few days. The Column passes Morbecque at 12-30 pm and marches via AIRE, LAMBRES, &amp; St. HILAIRE to LIGNY-les-AIRE. 11 Reinforcements join on road; Billets Good. <i>H.V.</i></p>	
	16th.		<p><u>LIGNY-les-AIRE.</u> The following, until 1st. December are extracts from Diary kept by Major Spurge.</p> <p>Orders received to stay here until 18th. Capt. W. Whiteman, R.M.O. proceeds on leave to England tomorrow. At 7 pm Capt. C. Friend, 4th. Field Ambulance reports to take up his duties. <i>H.V.</i></p>	
	17th.		<p>I issued Order No. 4 for tomorrow. Next day &amp; in the following marches, Lieut. CRAMP with billeting N.C.Os proceeds forward each morning, and Adjutant marches with the column after arrangements have been made to settle for all billets, and for cleaning them up. <i>H.V.</i></p>	
	18th.		<p>Column marches at 7 am., via LAIRES, BEAUMETZ-les-AIRES, LUGY, Fruges, to billets at COUPELLE VIEILLE, arriving 1pm.; distance about 11 miles. <i>H.V.</i></p>	
	19th.		<p><u>COUPELLE VIEILLE.</u> Remained here. Spent the day in washing vehicles etc. Issued Order No. 5. Returned to Railhead surplus tents and other equipment that will not be required. Capt. Aikins evacuated sick. <i>H.V.</i></p>	
	20th.		<p><u>LEBIEZ.</u> Marched 8.30 am. via WAILLY &amp; CREQUY - TORCY - ROYON, to billets at LEBIEZ, arriving 11am., distance about 7 miles.</p> <p>2/Lieuts Gaunt &amp; Salter leave for T.M. school at LEULINGHEM.</p> <p>Capt. C.A. Sherwood takes command of "B" Echelon. <i>H.V.</i></p>	
	21st.		<p><u>MAINTENAY.</u> Marched 8.50, via OFFIN - BEAURAINVILLE - CAM-PAGNE, to billets at MAINTENAY: arriving 12.30 pm. Billets complete by 1.45 pm. Wagons parked along sides of road. <i>H.V. Vernon LTR</i></p>	

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	22nd.		<u>FOREST-MENTIERE</u> Marched 8.15 am. via NAMPONT - VRON - BERNAY, to billets at FOREST-MENTIERE; arrived 12.20; roads good, billets complete by 1.30. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	23rd.		<u>BUIGNY s. MACLOU</u> . Left 9.35 am. via NOUVION - LE TITRE - to billets at BUIGNY s. MACLOU; arriving 12.15 pm. Billets complete by 1.45 pm. Roads good, weather cold; march discipline very good. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	24th.		<u>ORCHANCOURT</u> . Marched 8.30 am. via PORTE -le- Grande, - CAHON - FRANLEU, to billets in ORCHANCOURT & NIBAS, arriving at 12 noon. Billets complete by 1.45 pm. No. 1 Section at ORCHANCOURT, Hd Qtrs & No. 3 at NIBAS. Rainy and cold. Good roads. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	25th.		<u>RIEUX s. SAUCOURT</u> . Left 8.25 am. and concentrated Column at Rieux No. 1 Section, at MONCHAUX No. 2 Section, at BAZINVAL No. 3 Section. Orders to stay here for some time. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	26th.		<u>RIEUX</u> . Completing billeting, and arranging animals under cover. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	27th.		<u>MONCHAUX</u> . Hd Qtrs moves to MONCHAUX. Orders received for Re-organization on W.E. No. 642, and commencement made. 1270 Bdr Turner C.J. appointed 2nd Lieut. 24/11/17 2/Lieut. Morrisby, similarly appointed from a Bde, reports to D.A.C. for duty. Capt. A.S. Ford, O.C. 2K, is transferred to 10th. Bde. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	28th.		Transferring S.A.A. stock from "A" to "B" Echelon, as the former only carries Artillery Ammn. in future. "B" Echelon will not carry Artillery Ammn. and is now termed S.A.A. Section, and is reduced to about 90 men; and according to new W.E. is to be subdivided into 3 instead of 4 subsections. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	28th.		Undertook the selection of Wagons to be returned to D.A.D.O.S., and cleaning and bagging of Harness. Various inspections of equipment, etc. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	28th.		<u>MONCHAUX</u> . Capt. H. Retchford takes command of No. 2 section. A few clipping machines received, and clipping centre selected. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	29th.		Lieut. Mein selected to supervise clipping, and all is centred at SORENG; an equal number of animals being brought from each section, to the centre. <i>H.V.V.</i>	
	30th.		Cleaning and inspection proceeding. Harness had got into a very bad state. Clipping of animals proceeds very slowly, owing to heads of machines being blunt, and some worn out. <i>H.V.V. Vernon 176</i>	

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## APPENDIX.

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Maps 59 - 27:-

1. 4th. D.A. Order No. 101 with march table and amendment issued to section Commanders, but subsections will march complete in themselves. Sick horses may be collected in rear of sections, but so as not to block any oncoming section may fall to rear of D.A.C. with guide, or file under section arrangements.
2. Distances will be 400 yards between sections and 11th. Bde. and 100 yards between subsections. Subsections must not enter towns before the hourly halt unless they can clear.  
Road spaces including distance in front :- 2K 1,500 yds. - 1K & K.H.Q. 1,800 yds, 3K 900 yds. or 42 minutes. No midday feed hour is intended.

3. Order of March :-

	<u>Leave Billets.</u>	<u>Reach S. Point.</u>
2K.	10-40	10-40 A.m.
1K	10-40	11-10 "
K.H.Q.	10-55	11-22 "
3K	11-10	11-30 "

4. Messenger from 3K will ride at head of column from starting Point. Reports to head of Column.
5. A watch to be sent from each section to K.H.Q. of Bde. H.Q. to be synchronized before the march on 2/11/17.
6. An Officer of each section to attend K.H.Q. at 5 p.m. on 2/11/17 to arrange hours of leaving billets on 3rd. & synchronization.

*H.V. Vernon*

Lt. Col.

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

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Maps 5a - 27 &amp; 36a:-

1. 2nd. days march 3/11/17, is outlined in D.A. Order No. 101. Subsections, distances, road spaces as in order No. 1.
2. As the start is late 2 feeds can be given before marching, & no midday feed hour.

3. Order of March :-Leave Billets.      Pass S. Point.

1K

11-20 a.m.

2K

11-35 "

K.H.Q.

11-47 "

3K

11-55 "

Report to head of Column. A 3K messenger to report to & march with head of 1K before 1K leaves billets.

4. At 5 p.m. on 3rd each section will send 1 messenger for orders to K.H.Q.

H. V. Vernon Lt. Col.

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



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APPENDIX

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

BY

BRIGADIER GENERAL W.L.H. BURGESS, D.S.O.,

COMMANDING.

HEADQUARTERS,  
5th November 1917.

The C.R.A. desires that the Commanders of all Units of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery will convey to all ranks under their Command, his sincere appreciation of the sterling and enduring service and sustained individual effort which alone have ensured the successful results obtained by our Batteries in the recent operations East of YPRES.

The advance of the guns over almost impassable ground, very often under shell fire and always under the most adverse conditions, their continued efficiency in action and the steady supply of ammunition were only achieved by the splendid work, untiring service and devotion to duty of all ranks.

The ready advance of the covering Batteries in the close support of our attacking Infantry, the close co-operation which has been maintained between the two arms and the spontaneous expression by front line troops of appreciation of and confidence in their supporting guns, all afford the most eloquent testimony to the services rendered by our Field Artillery.

When the official history of the recent operations is written, it may be said without exaggeration, that the part played by the Units of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery and the important service so ably rendered by them during this strenuous and critical period, will form no unworthy record in the annals of the Australian Imperial Force and will be by no means least deserving of preservation in the future Records and traditions of the Australian Artillery.

*C.M. Bates*

Major, R.A.,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

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4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 3. of 14/11/17.

To follow D.A. Order No. 193.

1. Order of March and hours of pulling out of Wagon paddock :-  
1K 11 a.m., 2K 11-20 a.m., 3K 11-40 a.m. and march via the TOWER.
2. The head of D.A.C. will halt on main road about D 14 central, to close up the rear and collect any wagons from Billets that may have been cut out. At this halt subsections will close to 10 yards plus reserved spaces, and sections to 30 yds. At 12-15 p.m. 1K will ~~re-march~~ re-march and laid down distances be taken up.
3. K.H.Q. will pull out at 11-45 a.m; and halt in a wide place at side of main road, so as not to block 3K wagons coming in rear or traffic going North. On the road they will march as a rear subsection of 3K, but not travelling faster than horses natural speed. With K.H.Q. will march the Medical and Dental equipment.
4. The Adjutant will move from rear to front at 12-30 p.m. after arranging for an Officer to ride in rear if he is elsewhere.
5. Note the halts at 10 minutes to each clock hour. Sub-sections must not enter AIRE after 20 to the hour and will ask Traffic police the route. The D.A.C. will close right up on a subsection after passing AIRE at the next hourly halt. If subsections have lost distance they will only halt 10 minutes during each hour till 100 yards distance is made.
6. The moment sub-sections halt all lead drivers dismount their teams. This is seldom observed and the D.A.C. Officers must hand this order on personally to their sub-sections for improvement.
7. Sub-sections will be complete in themselves but if horse transport causes delay it may be dropped on orders to K.H.Q. Column.
8. The Officer for LIGNY LEZ AIRE ~~St. Martin's Church~~ will be from 1K and will meet 2 H.C.O Guides from sections and 1 from K.H.Q. at 8 a.m. Guides will be sent back no further on to road of arrival than necessary.
9. Billets to be allotted by advance Officer for H.C.O. Dentist, D.T.M.O & Chaplain near or with the 2 for K.H.Q. Officers (The D.T.M.O. does not ride with the D.A.C.)
10. Technical stores will march with the Unit that provides rations and the teams billet with their forage.
11. 1K & 3K will each provide a messenger to march at head of Column for use of C.O. at 12-15 p.m.
12. C.O. must synchronise time with Adjutant prior to noon.

*Heavenly*  
Lt. Col.  
C.O. 4th. A.D.A.C.



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4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 4. 17/11/17.

Reference Map - HAZEBROUCK 5a.

- Move. The 4th. A.D.A.C. will move by Route March into area No. 1 on 18th. inst.
- Route. FEBVIN - PALFARE - LAIRES - LUGY - FRUGES.
- Billeting party. Lt. CRAMP & 2 N.C.Os per section & 1 man from K.H.Q. will proceed to COUPELLE - VIELLE & WAILLY & arrange Billets with Mairies in these villages for the D.A.C. Horse lines will be in field 300 yds WEST of H in HALTE with stream running through.
- Wagon Park. All vehicles will be parked on side roads. Vehicles must be parked as close as possible to the right side of road.
- Starting point. BEAUMETZ-LEZ-AIRE. Hour of passing 9-40 a.m.
- Order of March. 2K leading, followed by 1K, then 3K & K.H.Q. O.C. 2K will be ready to move at 7-30 a.m. 18/11/17.
- Halts. HALTS will be made at 10 minutes to each clock hour and will be for 10 minutes.
- Distances. 500 yards between 11th. F.A.Bde & head of D.A.C. All other Distances will be as laid down in Field Service Regulations.
- Claims. All claims must be settled before leaving each Billet & certificates obtained from each owner of property used by units. On no account must the French Blue Claims Form be refused. Section Commanders will inspect each Billet allotted to them, with the owner and note its condition on arrival & on departure. Several units have lately been billeted in the areas into which we are going.
- D.A.Hq. Headquarters D.A. will be in No. 1 Area on 18th. 19th. At REGNIERE ECLUSE on 20th., and GAMACHEs on 23rd. inst.
- Stragglers. One N.C.O & 3 men will march close in rear of each section to collect stragglers of section. Men of sections not to be permitted to fall behind this party.
- All men must keep to the right of Road & under no circumstances must they cross on to left side of the road.
- Mounted Men. All mounted personnel must keep to right of road & not more than two abreast to ride along road.
- Report. Reports to Head of Column.
- Dumps.- Following from AREA COMMANDANT - ABBEVILLE is published for Care of. information & necessary action:-
- Begin " Relative your visit, reference staging area, Cavalry Corps request that any private dumps be respected by troops passing through"

Ends.

O.C. Sections will ensure that no dumps in the area referred to are interfered with by personnel of D.A.C.

Major;

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



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4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 5 - 19/11/17.

Reference maps :- HAZEBROUCK 5a, LENS 11, ABBEVILLE 14.

- 1 Move. The 4th. D.A.C. will move by route march into No. 2 area on 20th. inst.
2. Route. Via Cross Roads 1600 yds. South W in WAILLY through CREQUY-TORCY- ROYON to LE BIEZ.
- 3 Billeting party. Lieut. CRAMP & 2 N.C.Os per section and 1 man from KHQ.
- 4 starting point. Cross Roads 1600 yards South W in WAILLY. Hour of passing 8-48 a.m.
- 5 Order of March. 3K leading followed by 2K, then 1K & K.H.Q. 3K to be ready to march off at 8-30 a.m.
- 6 Halts. Halts will be made at 10 minutes to each Clock hour & will be for 10 minutes each.
- 7 Distances 500 yards from rear of Column in front of D.A.C. to head of 3K. All other distances as laid down in F.S. Regulations.
- 8 Orders. Attention is drawn to paras 9, 10, 11, 12, & 14 of order No. 4 for route march on 18/11/17.
9. Messengers Os.C 3K & 2K will detail one mounted messenger each to report to C.O. at head of column to act as messengers on the March.
- 10 Vehicles Every opportunity that offers is to be taken advantage of to clean vehicles etc.
- 11 Wagon Park. As it is probable that Vehicles will be parked on sides of roads, vehicles should be kept covering, and as close to RIGHT SIDE of Road as possible. Harness should be placed on vehicles in such a manner as to prevent ends dragging in the mud.
- 12 Reports. Reports to Head of Column.
13. Refilling Point. Refilling point for 21/11/17 is REMY-AUX-BOIS.

(Signed) J. GLEESON, Lieut.

a/Adjutant 4th. Aug. D.A.C.



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4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 6 - 20/11/17.Reference map ABBEVILLE 14.

1. Move. The 4th. A.D.A.C. will move by Route March into No. 3 area on 21st. inst.
2. Route. Via OFFIN - BEREAINVILLE - BUIRE to MAINTENAY.
3. Billeting party. Lt. CRAMP & 2 N.C.Os per section & 1 man from K.H.Q.
4. Starting point. Four (4) Cross roads in OFFIN.
5. Order of March. 1K leading, followed by 3K, then 2K & K.H.Q. Head of 1K to be at Church LIEBIEZ at 8-25 a.m. sharp. Head of 3K to be on main road to BEAURAINVILLE at 8-50 a.m.
6. Halts. Will be made at 10 minutes to each clock hour after 9 a.m. and will be for 10 minutes each.
7. Distances. 500 yards in rear of column in front of D.A.C. to head of 1K. All other distances as laid down in F.S. Regulations. More attention is to be paid to distances on the march and correct distances are to be maintained. O.C. 1K will arrange that a vehicle with 4 mules in team is in the lead of his section. Load behind team is to be a fair average of the section loading. This is to regulate pace for other wagons with 4 mule teams.
8. Orders. Attention is drawn to paras 9, 10, 11, 12 & 14 of Order No. 4 for Route March on 18/11/17.
9. O.C. of 1K & 2K will each detail a mounted messenger to report to C.O. at the Church LIEBIEZ at 8-25 a.m. on 21/11/17 to act as messengers during the march.
10. Vehicles. Attention is drawn to para 10. order No. 5 for march on 20/11/17.
11. Wagon Park. Vehicles will be parked on roads side they are to keep correct covering and as close as possible to RIGHT SIDE of Road. Harness to be placed on vehicles in such a manner as to prevent ends dragging in the mud.
12. Reports. Reports to Head of Column.
13. Refilling Point. For 22/11/17 MACHIEL.

(Signed) J. GLEESON; Lieut.

a/Adjutant 4th. Aus. D.A.C.



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4th. A.D.A.C. ORDER No. 7. 21/11/17.

1. Move. The 4th. A.D.A.C. will move into Area No. <sup>3</sup>4 by Route March on 22nd. inst.
2. Route. Vie MONTIGNY - MAMPONT - St MARTIN - VRON - to FOREST MONTIERS
3. Billeting Party. Lt. GRAMP & 2 N.C.Os per section and 1 man from K.H.Q.
4. Starting point. MONTIGNY CHURCH. Hour of passing 9-30 a.m.
5. Order of March. 2K leading, followed by 1K, then 3K and K.H.Q. 1K to be ready to move off at 8-15 a.m. Sharp.
6. Halts. As for 21/11/17, Order No. 6, para 6.
7. Distances. 500 yards in rear of column in front of D.A.C. to head of 2K. All other distances as laid down in F.S. Regulations. Attention is again drawn to necessity of keeping correct distances. O.C. 2K will arrange for a 4 Mule team to lead his Section.
8. Orders. Attention is drawn to paras 9, 10, 11, 12 & 14 of Order No. 4 for route march on 18/11/17.
9. Messengers. O.C. 2K & 1K will detail a messenger each to report to C.O. at head of 2K at 8-15 a.m. 22/11/17.
10. Vehicles. Attention is again drawn to para 10, Order No. 5 for march on 20/11/17.
11. WAGON Park. Vehicles will be parked on roads. They are to keep correct covering & to the RIGHT SIDE of the road.
12. Reports. Reports to Head of Column.
13. Refilling Point. For 23/11/17. - MACHIEL

(Signed) J. GLEESON, Lieut.

a/Adjutant. 4th. Aus. D.A.C.



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4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 8. 22/11/17.

1. Move The 4th. A.D.A.C. will move into Area No. 5 by Route March on 23rd. inst.
2. Route. Via LETITRE to BUIGNY st MACLOV.
3. Billeting Party. Lieut. CRAMP & 2 N.C.Os per Section and 1 man from K.H.Q.
4. Starting Point. Road Junction at figure 34. Hour of passing 10 a.m.
5. Order of March. 3K leading, followed by 1K & 2K and K.H.Q.  
3K to be ready to move off at 9-35 a.m. sharp.
6. Halts. As for 21/11/17 Order No. 6, para 6.
7. Distances. 500 yards in rear of column in front of D.A.C. to head of 3K. All other distances as laid down in F.S.Regulations. Attention is again drawn to the necessity of keeping correct distances. O.C. 3K will arrange for a 4 Mule team to lead his section.
8. Orders. Attention is drawn to paras 9, 10, 11, 12 & 14 of Order No. 4 for route march on 18/11/17.
9. Messengers. O.C. 3K & 1K will detail a messenger each to report to C.O. at head of 3K at 9-35 a.m. 23/11/17.
10. Vehicles. Attention is again drawn to para 10, Order No. 5 for march on 20/11/17
11. Wagon Park. Vehicles will be parked on roads. They are to keep correct covering and to the RIGHT SIDE of the road.
12. Reports. Reports to Head of Column.
13. Refilling Point. For 24/11/17 LAMOTTE - BULEUX.

(Signed) J. GLEESON, Lieut.

a/Adj. 4th. Aus. D.A.C.



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4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 9 - 23/11/17.

1. Move. The 4th. A.D.A.C. will move into Area No. 6 by Route March on 24th. inst.
2. Route. Via Chateau on North edge of BOIS de BONNANCE - Port Le GRAND - GOUY FARM - FRANLIEU to NIBAS and ORCHANCOURT.
3. Starting point. Chateau on North edge of BOIS DE BONNANCE. Hour of passing 9 a.m.
4. Billetting Party. Lieut. CRAMP & 2 N.C.Os per section and 1 man from K.H.Q.
5. ~~Starting~~ ) 2K leading, followed by 3K, 1K & K.H.Q.  
~~main~~ ) Hour of passing 8-30 a.m.  
 Order of ) 2K to be ready to move off at 8.30 am  
 March. )
6. Halts. As for 21/11/17 Order No. 6; para 6.
7. Distances. 500 yards in rear of column in front of D.A.C. to Head of 2K. All other distances as laid down in F.S. Regulations. Attention is again drawn to the necessity of keeping correct distances. O.C. 2K will arrange for a 4 mule team to lead his section.
8. Orders. Attention is drawn to paras 9; 10, 11, 12 & 14 of Order No. 4 for Route March on 18/11/17.
9. Messengers. O.C. 2K & 3K will detail a messenger each to report to O.C. at head of 2K at 8-30 a.m. on 24/11/17.
10. Vehicles. Attention is again drawn to para 10 Order No. 5 for route March on 20/11/17.
11. Wagon Park. Vehicles will be parked on roads. They are to keep correct covering and to the RIGHT SIDE of the road.
12. Reports. Reports to Head of Column.
13. Refilling Point. For 25/11/17. MIANNAY.

(signed) J. GLEESON, Lieut.

a/Adjutant. 4th. Aus. D.A.C.



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4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 10 - 24/11/17.

Map References:- ABBEVILLE No. 14 - DIEPPE 16.

1. Move. The 4th. A.D.A.C. will move into GAMACHES AREA by Route March on the 25th. inst.

2. Route: 1K from OCHANCOURT via CROSS ROADS 600 yards North West of V in VALINES: 2K, 3K & K.H.Q. via SOUCOURT and fall in in rear of 1K in that order, the whole then via ~~PRESS~~ <sup>Fevyillers-Hocquelus</sup> ~~WIEVILLE~~ <sup>BUIGNY les GAMACHES</sup> - GAMACHES to BAZINVAL - MONCHAUX- RIEUX.

3. Starting Point. CROSS ROADS 600 yards North West of V in VALINES. Hour of passing by 1K - 9 a.m.

4. Order of March. ~~2KXXXK~~ From NIBAS 2K, 3K then K.H.Q. until the Column joins up with 1K, then 1K, 2K, 3K & K.H.Q. 1K & 2K to be ready to move off at 8-25 a.m. sharp.

5. Halts. As for 21/11/17, Order No. 6 - para 6.

6. Distances. 500 yards in rear of column in front of D.A.C. to head of 1K. All other distances as laid down in F.S. Regulations. Attention is again drawn to the necessity of keeping correct distances. O.C. 1K will arrange for a 4 Mule Team to lead his Section.

7. Orders. Attention is drawn to paras 9, 10, 11, 12 & 14 of Order No. 4 for Route March on 18/11/17.

8. Messengers. Os.C. 1K, 2K, & 3K will detail a messenger each to report to C.O. at head of 1K at 8-25 a.m. on 25/11/17.

9. Vehicles. Attention is again drawn to para 10. Order No. 5 for Route March on 20/11/17.

10. Wagon park. If Vehicles are parked on Roads they are to keep correct covering and to the RIGHT SIDE of the road.

11. Reports. Reports to Head of Column.

(Signed) J. GLEESON, Lieut.

2/Adjutant, 4th. Aus. D. A. C.

*Rank*

*Deleted Pressenville, Buigny-les-Gamaches and substituted Feuyillers Hocquelus.*



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

MARCH TABLE FOR 25th November

GROUP	AREA	BILLETING REMARKS	Unit	Time	Starting Point	ROUTE
1	CHEPY and VALINES.		10th Bde.		Does not march on November 25th and will probably remain in these Villages for some time.	
2	MAISINIÈRES HARCELINES HELICOURT		11th Aus. F.A. Bde.	8.40 a.m.	4 cross rds. 600 yds. S. of "F" of FRIREULLES.	CHEPY
3	BAZINVAL MORCHAU RIEUX		4th Aus. D.A.C.	9 a.m.	Fork rds. at MILL 600 yds. W. of "V" of VALINES.	FRESSENNEVILLE BUIGNY-LES-GAMACHES - CAMACHES.
4.	14th Coy. A.S.C. rejoin own Unit. Mob. Vet. Sectn. L'EPINOY	Please see over-leaf	14th Coy. A.A.S.C.	9.15 a.m.	As for 11th F.A. Bde.	CHEPY
	LE LIEU DIEU		Mob. Vet. Section	9.15 a.m.	Fork Rd. 200 yds. W. of T of TOEUFLES	TOEUFLES MAISNIÈRES
5.	FLORVILLE		24th M.G. Coy.	9. 8 a.m.	do. do.	TOEUFLES, MAISNIÈRES, CAMACHES
			"B" Sec. Fd. Amb.	9.20 a.m.	do. do.	TOEUFLES MAISNIÈRES
6.	FRETTEINEULE MAICNEUVILLE TILLOY		4th Aus. Pioneer Battn.	9.28 a.m.	As for 11th F.A. Bde.	CHEPY.

LORRY ARRANGEMENTS :-  
 11th Aus. F.A. Bde. -- 3 lorries )  
 D.A.C. -- 2 " ) at 7 a.m.  
 4th Aus. Pioneer Btn. -- 2 " )

Mounted Police will control traffic in CHEPY and CAMACHES and on conclusion, will re-join own Unit.  
 D.A.H.Q. and REPORT CENTRE -- GAMACHES.

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 4th Aus. D.A. ORDER No. 104.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Robert White*  
 Major, R.A.,  
 Brigade-Major,  
 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

\* 30 minutes halt when head of M.G. Coy. reaches COURTIEUX.

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BILLETING REMARKS.

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In all cases as far as possible horses are to be put under cover. The figures below are a minimum of what the villages can accommodate in both men and horses; it will be found necessary to distribute the horses very considerably in some cases, as some barns will only hold four or six animals. This must be done however, as every effort will be made to obtain cover for the horses.

NO. 2 GROUP :-

MAISINIERES (includes MANCHELET, HARDRECHY and VISSE)	}	<u>men</u>	<u>horses</u>
HARCELLINES		540	300
HELICOURT (Excludes FLORIVILLE)			

NO. 3 GROUP :-

BOYUIVAL	}	600	500
MONCHAUZ			
RIEUX (includes LE CORNET - HEURTEVENT)			
LA QUILLERIES (includes ST ADELAIDE)			

NO. 4, 5 and 6 GROUPS have sufficient room.



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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVL. ARTILLERY.	
No.	65165
Date	

HEADQUARTERS,  
14th November 1917.

C.O. 10th Aus. F.A. Bde..  
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C.O. 4th Aus. D.A.C..  
4th Aus. D.T.M.O..  
Arty. Sig. Officer.  
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The C.R.A. desires that you will please convey to all your Officers, Warrant and non-Commissioned Officers and men, his appreciation of their excellent work on the parade this afternoon.

General BIRDWOOD particularly noted and commented most favourably on the smart appearance and turn-out of all ranks, the steadiness on parade and the excellent march past.

This result, obtained so soon after our recent long period of line service, reflects the greatest credit on all Officers and every individual on parade.

The appearance, bearing and marching of all Units made it difficult to realise that this afternoon's parade was the first collective and ceremonial parade which the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery have had since their arrival in FRANCE.

*CMH*

Major, R.A.,  
Brigade-Major,  
4th Australian Divisional Artillery.