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**WAR DIARY**

OF

4<sup>th</sup> Aust. D.A.C.

FOR

May 1918

Signature of Officer compiling H.V. Vernon LTC

Signature of Officer Commanding H.V. Vernon LTC



May 1<sup>st</sup> Page 1 of May 1918

AGNICOURT weather Cloudy: dull:  
Locations No 1 Section 62D. B. 6. d. 90  
 No 2 " " C 1 C 1 9  
 (concentrating to-day) No 3 " " M 2 b 3 1 (RIVERY)  
 ARP & Dumps: CONTAY  
 DAC less No 3 (Saa section) is under orders "BM 90",  
 to be relieved here & join 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div, with Artillery,  
 South of here. BM. 95 received 9.50 PM postpones  
 more for 24 hours. I issue DAC order 23 (attached)

(attached)  
 SC 90, orders 10 G.S. Wagons to assist the  
 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Bdes to move to new area. For Acknowledgements  
 see para 3 of Order 23, & the attached copy of letters  
 to 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> DATQS: & letter to 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Bdes  
 attached to original. In effect the ammunition of  
 10 GSW is struck off strength & should the guns  
 go into action during the move this ammunition is  
 not available for them, nor are the wagons for  
 collection of it until they are returned to DAC.

Capt W.L SANDERSON, to 11<sup>th</sup> AFAB<sup>de</sup>; also 2/L+  
 L.M. MACLEAN & 2/L+ REMINGTON, to DTMB<sup>ly</sup>  
 are struck off strength.

The DAC orders attached, issued during May, in  
 usual manner, outline ~~the~~ field work, & field  
 information, & such is not repeated in Diary.  
 Ammunition issued 290 BX. (H.V.)

May 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunny, with clouds. Issued DAC  
 Order No 24, move to new area.

ARP at BASIEUX to be used instead of CONTAY  
 till its 16000 rds cleared.

From Base 2/Lieut STANWIX CH.: CROZIER NC.:  
 CHAPMAN FE.: & BEGG CE. & 78 O/R. of which  
 5 are retained & remainder sent on to Batteries

Issued 150 AX. 22 O/R struck off strength.

Strength 22 officers 634 O/R.  
 H.V. Vernon LTR

Remarks and references to Appendices

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				<p>War Diary of 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC</p> <p>Page 2 of May 1918</p> <p>AGNICOURT</p> <p>May 3<sup>rd</sup> weather Sunny, bright.                      Representatives of 96<sup>a</sup> &amp; 169<sup>a</sup> Army Bde RFA report.                      Issued DAC order No 25.                      Issued to Blys: 150 AX. Recommended for the MM, 1516 Dr WILSON, J.G.: copy of forwarding letter attached. (HVV)</p>
			<p>May 4<sup>th</sup> weather Fine, warm.                      LAMOTTE. Marched at 9am via FRECHENCOURT - QUERRIEU - BUSSY. Nos 1 &amp; 2 Sections. bivouac in the fields behind a wood &amp; rise in N 9 d &amp; N 15 b: Hags &amp; 1011 Dental Unit at East end of village of LAMOTTE - BREBIERE. Reconnaissance parties under officers locate the bridges over the SOMME, the ARP, Blys etc. Rain falls during night: no tents for sections. (HVV)</p>	
			<p>May 5<sup>th</sup> weather, cloudy.                      2/LT CHAPMAN to 10<sup>a</sup>, &amp; 2/LT CROZIER to 11<sup>a</sup> Bde. I inspect SAA section at RIVERY: find clean huts, &amp; animals, wagons, &amp; men in good state. Reduction in Glatschment ordered, viz the 10% extra Duvis Ammunition over W.E. total 50 O/R. Strength to today 633 O/R, i.e. OR over WE Shells fall close to hags. &amp; office. (HVV)</p>	
			<p>May 6<sup>th</sup> Cloudy, dull. Issued Order No 26, &amp; arranged the matters therein at the dump at TRONVILLE Chateau. Provided 13 reinforcements for DTM Blys. Mr DODDS the YMCA representative commences to arrange for the men in GLISY. Shells fall close, &amp; one bridge over SOMME opposite hags is demolished. (HVV)</p>	
			<p>May 7<sup>th</sup> Dull. Drew three 15" for QF guns from PICQUIGNY for DTM personnel. Drew 14 remounts: at PICQUIGNY: strength after is shortage 2 sides &amp; 22 L.Ds. Ordered to Salvage wagons, shells, brass etc in area, &amp; I arrange daily reconnaissance programme including the area on South of Division occupied now by the French. Issued Order No 27. (HVV) L76</p>	

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War Diary of 4<sup>a</sup> Aust ~~D.A.C.~~

LAMOTTE - BREBIERE

May 8<sup>a</sup>

Page 3 of May 1918

weather dull, visibility low.

I locate North & North East of VILLERS-BRETONNEUX 13 of 18 pr, 4.5, & 60 pr bodies & timbers, & arrange for spare parts to be taken up & all to be brought in. Shells, mostly in good order, Empty Cartridge Cases, & boxes in various parts of field, & many already moved back to dump by LITMEIN. Issued DAC order No 28.

(HVV)

May 9<sup>a</sup>

Sunny

An a/Br sent to a Lewis Machine Gun School near ABBEVILLE: This will be of advantage, for there are 1 Cpl & 3 or 4 gunners who have M.G. knowledge, none are certificated, or qualified to lecture or instruct. I would prefer 3 junior NCOs on the 3 LMGs issued as the tendency appears to unnecessarily join in general engagements against EA when the range makes a hit impossible or improbable. There is a probability too that M.G.s may be necessary to carry with convoys of ammunition as some period of the war.

2/Lt C.J. TURNER & 59 O/R from base of which 25 O/R remain in DAC: quality good. Strength: 34 O/R over establishment.

(HVV)

May 10<sup>a</sup>

Sunny.

Inspected the S.A.A. & Grenade Dumps of S.A.A. Section for Div Infantry at RIVERY: ordered all detonating of bombs by the Infantry Party there to be done well away from the Dumps. Revetted wall protections for new trenches improving satisfactorily.

(AVV)

May 11<sup>a</sup>

Cloudy.

I locate about 600 rounds of 13 pr, 18 pr, & 4.5 at west end of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. Issued DAC order No 29.

HVV venon LTB

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	LAMOTTE - BREBIERE <span style="float: right;">Page 4 of May 1918</span>			
			<p><u>May 12<sup>th</sup></u> Cloudy &amp; rainy. Located abandoned artillery dumps in Bois de BLANGY &amp; west of VILLERS BRETONNEUX. The weekly salvage return of Salvage Officer, Lt PEEL, at ARP, as shown in Order No 30, is satisfactory, shows about 3000 shells, &amp; 91000 brass cartridge cases; other articles such as tins for solder, fuse covers, clips, S.A.C., parts of wagons etc are not enumerated. (HVV)</p>	
			<p><u>May 13<sup>th</sup></u> Cloudy &amp; rainy. Lieut H.S. DAVEY promoted to Captain. 20 mule remounts drawn from PICQUIGNY. 26727 Dr AG KING to Australia, family reasons. Located old dumps, boxes, shells, E.C.C. close to BOVES and Bois de GENTELLES. Issued DAC order No 30. (HVV)</p>	
			<p><u>May 14<sup>th</sup></u> Cloudy &amp; sunny. Located <sup>700</sup> abandoned shells, &amp; E.C.C., near the French line at THEZY. Wagons salvaging in field fired on by Enemy Artillery with loss of mules but no casualties to personnel. Chaplain HOARE. (4<sup>th</sup> class) RC: and 2/Lt RC CUMMING report, the letter from Base. Capt W.R.C. McNAUGHT hands over command of No 1 Section to Capt DAVEY, &amp; to report on 15<sup>th</sup> to 39<sup>th</sup> Battery. Shells &amp; bombs fall at night near headquarters but owing to wall &amp; earth protections only casualty are 2 mules slightly wounded. Issued DAC order No 31. (HVV)</p>	
			<p><u>May 15<sup>th</sup></u> Bright &amp; hot. Lieut V.C. WILLIAMS to 11<sup>th</sup> AFAB de; 2/Lt C.J. TURNER from 11<sup>th</sup> AFAB de to DAC. Located old dumps on South edge of Bois L'ABBE, with many loads of E.C.C. (HVV) L22</p>	

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	L <sup>th</sup> Aust DAC War Diary. <span style="float: right;">Page 5 May 1918.</span>			
	May 16 <sup>th</sup>		Bright, Hot. No 1516 Dr WILSON JG awarded The Military Medal for night of 27 <sup>th</sup> April. (see entry 3.5.18). Ammunition Issued 76 A + 76 AX : to Batteries. Issued DAC order No 32.	(Hv)
	May 17 <sup>th</sup>		Sunny & hot. Salving in field Issued to Batteries 114 A, 38 AX, 153 BNC.	(Hv)
	May 18 <sup>th</sup>		Therm 80° 2/Lt W.O. PASTFIELD from Base & Cadet School Issued to Batteries 570 A 190 AX 20 A Smoke, & Issued DAC order No 33.	(Hv) 420 BX
	May 19 <sup>th</sup>		Therm 82°. Issued DAC order No 34 Issued to Batteries 570 A 190 AX 440 BX The weekly return of Salvage Officer at ARP, Lt PEEL, shows 10700 shells (various) <del>sent</del> as against about 3000 last week: also 56420 E.C. Cases + 3350 empty boxes. Very satisfactory week.	(Hv)
	May 20 <sup>th</sup>		Therm 82°. No 31150 Cpl STUCKEY G.P. and 32714 a/Br CROFT. J.B. proceed to Artillery Cadet School, England. L <sup>th</sup> Aust Div (less Artillery) being relieved by 3 <sup>rd</sup> Aust Div (less Artillery) & on completion the 3 Subsections of the Saa Section join their Brigade Groups, Auths. attached to this Original.	(Hv)
	May 21 <sup>st</sup>		Therm 82° midday. Issued to Batteries 228 A 76 AX 100 BNC.	(Hv)
	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Sunny & hot Issued to Batteries 209 A 95 AX 200 BX Issued DAC Order No 35.	(Hv) <u>veum</u> L <sup>th</sup> Div

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	LAMOTTE-BREBIERE																		
			<p>Page 6 of May 1918</p> <p>May 23<sup>rd</sup> weather. Dull, cold. Searched in Bois L'ABBE' &amp; found about 4000 abandoned rounds near EACHY Road. Amm. <sup>Transported</sup> <del>Issued</del> - 46 A : 30 AX : 100 BX : 100 BNC. (4V)</p>																
			<p>May 24<sup>th</sup> weather. Dull, cold wind. Change of RMO. Capt TILLING. H.W. relieves Major R.J.N. WHITEMAN, who leaves the Sanitary Efficiency of this unit in very high order. Personnel: 28 O/R overstrength. Issued DAC Order No 36. 4<sup>th</sup> Aust Div (less Anty) Brigade Grouping &amp; Movement of SAA Subsections taking place. Amm. <sup>Issued</sup> <del>Transported</del> - 114 A : 114 AX : 50 BX : 100 BNC. (4V)</p>																
			<p>May 25<sup>th</sup> weather, dull. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut W.O. PASEFIELD transferred to 11<sup>th</sup> AFAB<sup>de</sup>. Remnants of men from hospital etc through base: Strength now, 39 O/R overstrength: these are <sup>not</sup> more than absorbed on dumps, &amp; dump working parties. TRONVILLE ARP at present using 15 O/R daily digging dug-outs &amp; 25 on dump &amp; salvageduties: SALEUX &amp; ALLONVILLE dumps being worked by personnel from SAA Section. Amm. <sup>Transported</sup> <del>Issued</del> 266 A, 114 AX, 100 BX. (4V) Heavy gas shelling turns back the salvaging wagons at night.</p>																
			<p>May 26<sup>th</sup> Dull. men from base Hospital: Strength now 651 O/R, being a surplus of 45 over establishment. Table of "Leave particulars":</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>without leave for over</td> <td>15 months.</td> <td>10.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>12 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"</td> <td>"</td> <td>10 "</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>46</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>147</td> </tr> </table> <p>Salvaging wagons &amp; parties again stopped in evening owing to the gas fumes of 25<sup>th</sup> not yet dispersed. The wagon load of Explosives carried heretofore on the hdqrs of a DAC is transferred with wagon, drivers, animals, etc to the SAA Section. Issued DAC order 37. Amm. Transported :- 150 A. 78 AX. 200 BX. (4V)</p>	without leave for over	15 months.	10.	"	"	12 "	"	"	10 "			46			147	
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			<p>May 27<sup>th</sup> Fine. Salvaging at night continued successfully. Amm. Transported :- 100 A. 32 AX. 100 BX. (4V)</p>																

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	LAMOTTE BREBIÈRE <span style="float: right;">Page 7 of May 1918.</span>			
	<p>May 28<sup>n</sup>. weather, bright. 'K' Subsection, Grouped with 13<sup>n</sup> A.I.B. moves back from PONT NOYELLES to behind QUERRIEU owing to enemy shelling: no casualties.  <u>Amm</u> transported: 874 A: 570 AX: 450 BX.</p>			
	<p>May 29<sup>n</sup>: Bright. Instructed by Staff that the DAC will not have to provide wagons for Battery baggage during the move back on relief: this enables the careful arrangements for distribution of DAC stores, wagon equipment etc on the various wagons to be put into effect, thereby ensuring their carriage, &amp; the systematic care of same by those responsible, as well as the manufacturing that the Div Artillery have at all times their full <u>echelon of ammunition</u> ready for emergency or ordinary next move into the line. It is found that on working out a scheme for first moving the echelon back &amp; then landing the wagons, the echelon would have been 7 or 8 days detached on the move out &amp; presumably the same on the move in, total say 15 days.  <u>Amm</u> transported. 748 A: 376 AX: 30 BX: 150 BNC.</p>			
	<p>May 30<sup>n</sup>. Bright. <u>Salvage</u> officer &amp; party withdrawn from Dumps to Lines. 2 officers &amp; 3 O/R proceed to new area as advance bulletring party: by road to AILLY-sur-Somme, rail to PONT-REMY, &amp; road to EAUCOURT.                  L+ FLORANCE to 110<sup>a</sup> Bty, temporarily.                  Relief order &amp; March orders received.                  Capt HEATLEY, OC No 11 Dental Unit, returns from A.F.C. Camps dental work, near ST OMER.                  Issued DAC order No 38. <u>Amm</u> echelon complete in camp.  <u>Amm</u> Transported: 190 A, 190 AX, 600 BX, 200 BNC.</p>			
	<p>May 31<sup>st</sup> Bright.  <u>Amm</u> Transported: 228 A: 192 AX: 332 BX.</p>			
	<p>Owing to the constant work the majority of GS wagons are in shabby condition. Two new ones drawn recently appear to be of green timber &amp; have shrunk badly: all ironwork that can be has been tightened but it is expected that hard work will shake them into bad condition quickly.                  H.V. Vernon Lt Col</p>			

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4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

✓ List of DAC orders 23 to 39 incl.  
 giving all Field work duties, Information,  
 Salvage values (amm. etc), & Records: not  
 repeated therefore in War Diary.

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✓ order to provide GS Wagons to Batteries &  
 2 letters following showing quantity of  
 ammunition struck off echelon, till return.

$\frac{20}{5}$   
 $\frac{18}{18}$

✓ order to detach SAA Section Subsection S with  
 the Infantry Brigades - Groupings.

$\frac{26}{5}$   
 $\frac{18}{18}$

✓ Circular showing value of most of Artillery materiel  
 Salvage from 5<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> incl inclusive £360,563.

H.V. Vernon LCol  
 OC 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DAC.



4th AUST. D.A.C. Order No. 23. 1.5.18

1. B.M. 94 postpones the moves outlined in Order No.22, paras 6 & 7 for 24 hours. D.A.C. Billetting Officer, however, left at 8.30 a.m. today for GLISY.
2. It is probable the Locations in new area will be:-

10th A.F.A. Bde	M.24.c.
11th " "	N.21.d.
Nos. 1 & 2 Sectns.	N. 9.d.
No. 3 Section	RIVERY
KHQ & No.11 Den.Unit	?
D.A.H.Q.	GLISY
14th Coy.A.A.S.C.	LAMOTTE-BREBIERE
3. 5 G.S. Wagons are ordered for baggage of each Bde. These will be required without ammunition : and will go either (a) with their proportion of D.A.C. stores on each, or (b) without same, a wagon per section being emptied of ammunition to carry same.  
Assuming (b) 1K will carry 2 G.S.W Loads, viz, 108 rds of 18-pr and 66 of 4.5" (2 wagons short ) : and 2K will carry 4 G.S.W. loads viz., 324 rds and 66 rds. Full establishment is therefore reduced and will be taken into use again when the wagons are returned, and fit.
4. CONTAY handed over 30.4.18 by Lt. McKeown to a 2nd Aust. D.A. Officer. D.A.C. personnel relieved today.

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





4th Aust. Div. Ammn. Column

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3rd May 1918

10th A.F.A. Bde.

Reference Order 99, para 5 : on authority 2nd D.A.  
S.C. 90, No. 1 Section carries only 1476 18-pr and 354 4.5" until  
our Establishment of vehicles is complete.

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



4th AUST. D.A.C. Order No. 24. 2.5.18Ref. Map AMIENS & 62 D.

- (1) The 2nd D.A. Order 99. Reliefs and new Locations, as issued to Sections on 1st inst. are postponed for 24 hours (BM 95) : those below will be adhered to.
- (2) 1 Officer and party will be left behind in each section to clean camps.
- (3) 1K will send 5 empty G.S. Wagons to 10th Bde W.L. arriving there by 3 p.m. 3rd inst : 2K will send 5 similar to 11th Bde W.L. by 8 a.m. 4th inst. These will not be unloaded at Dump till just before issue. Each party will be complete with teams, wagon equipment, not necessarily covers, and 1 N.C.O. who will ride with the baggage wagons if concentrated, or with Bde H.Q. wagon if separated. These wagons will be asked for on arrival of the Bde at its lines. N.C.Os must be instructed in the bivouac localities of D.A.C.
- (4) Locations:-

2nd A.D.A.	.....	BERTANGLES (10 a.m.)
A.R.P.	.....	Road in N.21.c.
K.H.Q. & Den.Unit		LAMOTTE-BREBIERE.
D.T.M.O.	.....	M.2. Locality of.
- (5) D.A.C. Order of march : K.H.Q. with Technical Store Wagons, 1K, 2K. Pull on to road K.H.Q. 9 a.m. : 1K 8.55 a.m., 2K 9 a.m. Route AGNICOURT - FRECHENCOURT Church - QUERRIEU - Road to BUSSY West of River HALLUE - Road Junction above "V" in VECQUEMONT - if necessary owing to no field roads proceed by road leading from North into LAMOTTE - to bivouacs in N.9.d. and N.15.b.
- (6) 2K will keep 100 yards behind K.H.Q. G.S. Wagons will form rear group of each Section. Dismounted gunners will be instructed not to ride on the limbers unless with written order of an Officer, and will march in fours in rear of the A.L.W. groups, not of Section.
- (7) All drivers and mounted personnel will be dismounted at least 10 minutes in each hour. Halts will be normally at (1st) 9.50 a.m. (2nd) when the head of Column is 1 mile south of QUERRIEU where all animals will be fed : the move on to take place  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour later; (3rd) 12.50 p.m.
- (8) A mounted messenger from 2K to report to head of Column at 9 a.m. Reports to head of Column, where C.O. will ride till near bivouacs. Adjutant will catch up head of Column at QUERRIEU halt. M.O. will ride in rear of 2K and move to K.H.Q. after feed halt. Os.C. 1K and 2K will report to C.O. near the "V" of VECQUEMONT (AMIENS MAP)
- (9) The bivouac ground is bare field : Sections may break up into sub-sections if desired with horse lines of each concentrated : these to be set out diminishing danger from shell fire, and the usual banks to be commenced at once. If drainage admits men's dugouts to be partly excavated.
- (10) As relief of 169th and 96th B.A.Cs. is to be completed by 5 p.m. reconnaissance parties by that hour must have located the river crossing on direct route to A.R.P. : Guides must know the Bde W. Lines, and at least 1 per section attached there for duty and reconnaissance of gun positions.

*H.V. Veys* Lt. Col.

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



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4th Aust. D.A.C. Order No. 25. : 3.5.18

1. Ammunition is brought to TRONVILLE A.R.P. (N.21.c.5.2.) for M.T. and thence by horse transport. 169th and 96th B.A.Cs have had 1 Officer and 31 o/r at A.R.P.
2. Os.C should be prepared to send forward at once on arrival, N.C.Os and men to replace these, if required, and they should be detailed for readiness before departure : to include:- 1K 1 Cpl and 14 o/r: 2K two Bdrs and 12 o/r : actual instructions will be issued later.
3. S.O.S. Ammunition : 75% A., 25% AX : 106 fuze when available. 11th Bde (Sup.Grp) will only fire S.O.S. on D.A.H.Q. order. 10th Brde. (Mob.Res.) will probably require no ammunition at all.
4. Divisional Boundaries: on the North:- East and West grid line through P.20 central, (Blangy Tronville Church). On the South:- East and West grid line through U.6 central (North edge CACHY village)
5. Front line approx: U.5. central - P.19.b.20. On right 31st French Corps : on left is "A" Division, Aust.Corps.
6. Locations:-

Right Group H.Q.)	0.13.c.2.7.
Left Group H.Q. )	
11th A.F.A.B:H.Q.	0.19.b.6.4. (3400 East of Blangy Church)
10th " "	GLISY.
7. (This area.) A dump of approximately 14,000 18-pdrs and 2000 rounds of BX from ammunition collected in vacated positions has been established at BAIZIEUX at C.5.d.5.2. Until this ammunition has been exhausted all echelons will be refilled from this dump and not from CONTAY Dump.

*J. Gleeson*      Capt.  
 Adjutant, 4th Aust. D.A.C.





4th Aust. Div. Anem. Column.

3rd May 1918

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

*(Attached to Capt Aikin's report)*

*near 41<sup>st</sup> Bty*

Bringing to your attention the devotion to duty of 1516 Dvr. WILSON J.G., No. 2 Section, 4th A.D.A.C. <sup>27/4/18</sup> He carried one wounded man of the two and saw to the safety of both. His next care was equipment, which he attended to without retiring: collected 6 sets of harness, reharnessed with wheel sets the two least wounded, and returned to camp complete. Retention of equipment is a matter that has often been neglected in the past. Dvr. Wilson's good work was drawn to the attention of his officers in the Ypres Salient, but there were so many specific acts performed there by D.A.C. men, that they are seldom called to meet, and his devotion to duty did not bear such outstanding comparison as it has here.

There have been no recommendations for Military Medal since October 1917, and I submit this as worthy of consideration for award of one.

*H. V. Vernon* Lt. Col.

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



War Diary

FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Headquarters,  
20th May 1918.

SECRET.  
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REFERENCE ORDER NO. 145.  
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On completion of the relief of 4th Australian Division ( less Artillery ), Brigade Groups will be formed as follows :-

- 1 Infantry Brigade
- 1 Machine Gun Coy.,
- 1 Field Company,
- 1 Field Ambulance
- 1 Coy., A.A.S.C.
- 1 S.A.A., Sub-section.

In each Brigade Area under the Command of the respective Infantry Brigadiers.

S.A.A., Sub-Section Commanders, on completion of relief of Infantry Brigades will report to Infantry Brigade Headquarters for further orders.

ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.  
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*[Handwritten Signature]*

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

DISTRIBUTION -

- 4th Aust. D.A.C.,
- 4th Aust. Infantry Brigade,
- 12th Aust. Infantry Brigade,
- 13th Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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4th AUST. D.A.C. Order 26. 5.5.18

Following 4th D.A. Adm. Instr. No. 26.

1. **EXTRACTS :-** (a) Firing Bty and 1st Line Wagons of 10th and 11th Bdes will transport ammunition from A.R.P. to Bty positions. The 4th D.A.C. until further orders, will **NOT** carry out ammunition supply.
- (b) Permanent working parties at A.R.P. will be , as from 10 a.m. 6th inst., 2 officers, 5 N.C.Os and 61 men, viz., 4th D.A.C. 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. and 21 o/r : 4th D.T.M.B., 1 Officer, 14th, 179th, 86th and 23rd Army Bdes 4 N.C.Os 40 o/r.
- (c) E.C.C. will not be accumulated at Bty positions, but be all returned to A.R.P.
- (d) Left and Right Groups will salvage serviceable ammn., and take into use. Each of these groups details a Salvage Officer. Areas are allotted, and might be had on application to C.O. 4th A.D. Arty will salvage all E.C.C. in whole Area with 12 G.S. Wagons of D.A.C., parked in vicinity of A.R.P. under a D.A.C. officer and guard. Teams and drivers will be found daily by D.A.C., 10th Bde and 11th Bde in turn commencing on 6th instant.
- Salvage working hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (midday feed to be carried) Teams on completion of day will return to their wagon lines. E.C.C. Will be dumped under orders of O.C. A.R.P. (Lt. Mein) who will "bag" and return to Railhead. Returns will be rendered by 6 p.m. each Sunday, one showing serviceable ammunition salvaged and another E.C.C. returned to A.R.P., each made up to 12 noon, and the latter returned by D.A.C.
2. From above Extracts the D.A.C. duties are :-
- (a) Orders later as to Echelon of rounds to be kept at Lines.
- (b) A.L.Ws when the ground permits will be run into close order line against a bank, or edge of wood, to save space and visibility, if advisable covered with boughs. Lids to be open in daytime.
- (c) At 10 a.m. 6th inst., the following will be A.R.P. party:-  
 1K 1 Sgt. and 6 men = 7  
 2K Lt. Mein, clerk and batman, there now ) = 15 and  
 Also 1 Junior N.C.O and 12 men ) 1 offr.  
 Parties will take kits. Rations to be carried daily by their own sections for the present. Os.C. may change their men but not more than 50% in the one day, and the Dump Sgt. will only be changed through C.O. and Lt. Mein.
- (d) The 12 G.S.Ws will be 6 from 1K and 6 from 2K, to be parked in vicinity A.R.P. by 8.30 a.m. on 6th inst. The officer will be detailed by O.C. 1K and his name communicated to K.H.Q. and Lt. Mein. The Guard and personnel will be from 1K, viz., 1 junior N.C.O. 1 fitter and 5 men, of which 3 will be for guard duties and others for cleaning etc. The officer in addition, at least for a few days, should take 1 riding horse and 1 man for groom and batman, who will be returned with horse if not required. This officer and party will be at A.R.P. Wagon Park by 8.30 a.m. 6th inst. and lay same out, being ready for duty at 9 a.m.
- (e) A.R.P. W.L. Officers duties will include the arrangements with Bde Officers for routes, hours, transport, in collection of E.C.C. He will learn the general requirements of each, draw up roster of indents for transport : arrange for counting of E.C.C. delivered at dump, possibly giving each lead driver a chit to sign as to number of wagons or  $\frac{1}{2}$ th loads of each he has emptied : will count 3 or 4 standard loads of E.C.C. so as to make his return on Sunday at NOON of total for week ; and get this return to Adjnt. by 3 p.m. He will daily take roll of the teams reporting, their discipline, routine, and comfort, reporting all irregularities to Bdes direct, or K.H.Q. as desirable, particularly want of punctuality.



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- (e) Contd. He will see to cleanliness of the horse lines, latrines, and kitchen; and will examine wagons daily for weakness, and clean same after 4p.m. and before 9 a.m. with the fitter and the men not on guard duties. The guard will be properly mounted, and sentries relieved and inspected. He will immediately report to sections direct any wagons broken and requiring replacement. He will watch the equipment if any on each wagon, and claim for removal of any. His tour of duty will end after Sundays, and relief Officer will report to him on Saturdays.
- (f) Os.C. will detail on 6th. 9th, and 12th. inst., etc. 6 teams and drivers from 1K and 6 from 2K, each of 6 mules with feeds and midday rations, to be at A.R.P.W.Ls. at 8-45 a.m. 1/c, 1 junior mounted N.C.O. who will return to camp after handing over to Officer. The wagons will be frequently inspected by their Os.C. who should send them stripped. see that they are cleaned, greased and kept in repair, and replace them from time to time for overhaul.

(Sgd) J. Gleeson Capt.  
for LT.Col.

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



4th Aust. D.A.C. Order No. 27, 7.5.18

- (1) S.A.A. SECTION DUMPS :- RIVERY and U in SALEUX.
- (2) LOCATIONS:-
- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| K.H.Q.     | N.14.c.4.5.              |
| Tech.Strs  | N.14.c.1.4.              |
| K 1K       | N.15.b.5.7.              |
| 2K         | N.9.d.6.3.               |
| 3K         | M.2.b.4.1.               |
| No.11 Den. |                          |
| Unit       | N.14.c.2.5.              |
| D.T.M.O.   | GLISY (one Bty in line.) |
- (3) GAS ZONES, Western Boundaries.
- |              |  |
|--------------|--|
| <u>ALERT</u> | AUBIGNY -- 0.14 central -- 0.19.b.8.0 -- |
|              | 0.25.c.7.4. -- T.c. central.             |
| <u>READY</u> | BUSSY - GLISY - T.2. central.            |
- (4) C.O's file has a list of BRIDGES in Div. Area. BLANGY Group has 9 for F.A. between N.17.c.6.3. and N.15.c.1.3. inclusive. GLISY Group has 2 for F.A. (in use now).

*William Cooper*  
for Lt. Col.

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



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ISSUED TO *War Diary*...

4th. AUST. D. A. C. ORDER No. 28

1. All Trench Mortar Ammunition Will be carried by T. M. personnel and D.A.C. L.G.S. (pill boxes) . Authority G.1/320.

2. LOCATIONS.

7th. D.T.M. Bty.	O.35 d 7 9	(Lt. Chaloner.)
8th. "	Glisy.	(Lt. Felstead.)

3. Lt. Cramp in charge, and one officer from No. 2 Section will undertake at once, according to most suitable daylight hours of approach, the following abandoned A.L.Ws. etc.

- |    |           |   |
|----|-----------|---|
| 1. | 023.a.6 0 | 60-pr. Body.  |
| 2. | 023.a.8 1 | 18-prp "  |
| 3. | 023.b.2 0 | 18-pr. Limber (wanted pole)                           |
| 4. | 023.b.2 1 | 18-pr. Body.  |
| 5. | 023.d.7 8 | two 18-pr. bodies.                                    |
| 6. | 023.b.9 3 | 18-pr. limber & body, full of ammn.<br>(wanted pole)  |
| 7. | 023.b.5 8 | 18-pr. limber (wanted pole & wheel.)                  |
| 8. | 023.b.5 2 | 18-pr. limber & body, full of ammn.<br>(wanted pole.) |
| 9. | 023.a.8 7 | 18-pr. limber (wanted pole & 1 wheel)                 |

Limbers and teams of 1K and 2K to be requisitioned for direct by Lt. Cramp; also G.S.Wagon to carry, poles, wheels etc.

4. Three (3) 15-pr. B.L. guns were drawn from PICQUIGNY 7.5.18 and handed over to D.T.M.O. by 1K.

5. 2K provides another corporal for TRONVILLE Dump 9.5.18

( Sgd.) J. Gleeson Capt.  
for Lt. Col.  
C.O.4th. Aust. D.A.C.



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4th Aust. D.A.C. Order No. 29 of 11-5-18

The 10th Aust. F.A. Bde will relieve the 179th Army Bde. R.F.A. on 12th inst., by 11 p.m. Locations :-

B.H.Q.		GLISY	Commander
37th	T.6.b.4.7.	" N.19 a & b.	Major Stutton
38th	0.31.c.2.0	" N.21 a	" de Low
39th	0.20.d.3.7.	" N 19 a & b	" Spurge
110th	0.20.a.8.9.	" "	" Tomkinson

179th Army Bde will withdraw to W.L. and become Reserve Bde.

No. 1 Section will carry its proportion of ammunition supply: until further orders, all indents will pass through D.A.C. Hq. Officer & N.C.O. guide reconnaissance parties will ride out on 12th inst.

10th Bde day party of one Officer and 25 o/r on A.R.P. work, ceases after 12th inst: also teams for A.R.P.W.L., every third day. The D.A.C. days for these teams will now be 12th, 14th, 16th insts., and each 2nd day after: 6 teams from Nos. 1 & 2 Sections.

These teams will be lead to A.R.P. by an N.C.O. from each section who will ask the O.C. for instructions as to leading the convoys during day: they will carry mid-day rations. Several instances have occurred of N.C.O's of different units, being unable to locate dumps sent to recently, and the importance of not losing the days work should be impressed on those going out. In more difficult cases the O.C. A.R.P. and O.C. A.R.P. W.L. will ask for an Officer or special N.C.O. through the C.O., especially when map knowledge is required.

Salving for 12th and 13th inst. by No. 2 Section:-  
About 500 18-pr loose vicinity 0.28.c.3.8. as discovered today.  
Salving for No. 1 Section on 13th inst. using A.R.P. wagons:-  
about 100 rds 4.5 to be located near N.36.c.8.3. All these to be given to Batteries on way in if serviceable and accepted, otherwise to A.R.P.

4.5" How. C.B.R. and N.C. are being received in Army with No. 106 Fuzes (Mk.11 D. The boxes bear red mushroom symbol on both ends.

Locations of 11th Bde.

Field		Wgn.Ls.	Commander
B.H.Q.	N.24.b.2.6,	N.19.d.6.7.	
41st	C.20.a.6.1	N. 20 cent	Major Ross, M.C.
42nd	C.14.c.6.8	N.19.d.6.7	" Hodgens, D.S.O.
43rd	C.8.d.5.8.	N.21.c.9.8.	" Turner
111th	0.9.c.1.2.	N.27.b.5.6.	" Edwards, D.S.O D.C.M

H.V. Vernon Lt. Col.

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



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10th A.F.A. Bde.

B.H.Q.	0.25.5.0.9.
37th Bty.	T.6.b.4.7. ✓
38th "	0.20.d.3.7. 2.6
39th "	0.31.c.2.0 T6 b 2 9

110 . 0 20 a 8 9

2. Right Group is 14th Army Bde  
 10th A.F.A. Bde  
 Left Group is 23rd Army Bde  
 86th Army Bde  
 Super " " 11th A.F.A. Bde  
 Reserve " " 179th Army Bde.

3. Salving for today: 1K, 18-pr and 4.5" and E.C.C. on main road 1000 yards behind VILLERS BRETONNEUX : and boxed 4.5" Bois de BLANGY. 2K, 15-pr and 18-pr N. of railway behind VILLERS BRETONNEUX.

4. Salving for 14th inst. 2K :- 18-pr T.10 central  
 4.5" & 18-pr. T.13 & 14  
 4.5" & charges T.11.d.5.8.

5. Salvage to A.R.P. for week ending 12th inst. included 91300 E.C.C., 661 empty boxes : 1786 A., 469 A.X., 674 BX, 404 Charges.

5. Wagons should bring every article found that is of use to the nation.

H V Vernon Lt. Col.

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

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War Diary4Th. AUST. D. A. C. ORDER No. 31. 14/5/18

- I. Salving on 14th. IK. a dump of E. C. C. at T 9 b 9 0 using 3 G S W from A. R. P., to continue daily at this until cleared, arranging for daily supply of G. S. W. & teams. Also reconnaissance with C. O. in French area (THEZY).  
2K, as per Order No. 30, using 24 A.L.Ws. from Camp & 5 G.S.W. from A.R.P., to be continued daily until cleared.
2. Salving on 15th., IK; THEZY locality, about 9 A.L.Ws. & 1 G.S.W. if available from A.R.P., Certain sound salved AX to be taken to 37th. Bty.  
2K; Reconnaissance of an Officer and C.O. in BOIS in O 32 c, the salvage of this must be done at night unless the dump can be approached from NORTH in thick wood. At N I 4 d 3 4, there are about 8 shells & few boxes & charges, 2K to pick up and deliver to A.R.P.
3. All daily receipts for salvage brought to A.R.P. & Batteries, to be handed without delay to K H Q.
4. Ammunition salvage by Sections to 13th. (approx) :-  
IK, about 200 18-pr. in abandoned A.L.Ws.  
2K, 604 18-pr., 302 13-Pr., 202 BX (30ch.)
5. The practice of returning with vehicles from A.R.P. through TRONVILLE CHATEAU-to BLANGY- to GLISSY and thence by bridge will cease. On return from A.R.P. the arch will not be used but a  $\frac{3}{4}$  right wheel on to main road, thence to GLISSY and bridges. All N. C. Os. to be ~~marked~~ instructed.

A.V. Vernon

Lt. Col.

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



1. Salving of Ammunition by Sections in this area to date, approx. (some apparently not reported in detail.)

	<u>A</u>	<u>AX</u>	<u>BX</u>	<u>BChem.</u>	<u>N &amp; NX</u>	
1K	1658	516	438	21	348	= 2981
2K	2402	435	472	39	315	= 3663
Total	4060	951	910	60	663	= 6644

} 26,570

2K also delivered about 100 V.P.A., DI to 12th. Inf. B.H.Q.  
S.A.A. Section salved :- 483000 S.A.A.  
102248 S.A.A. for M.G.  
1 box VL DI

The above is not that salved by A.R.P.W.L. Officer whose return is rendered on Sundays: and whose report will show the E.C.C. & Odd parts collected both by Sections & A.R.P. wagons.

2. It is again promulgated for instruction of new Officers that the O.C. A.R.P. or Dump is always to be considered in full charge of the traffic & routes through and around his position & all i/c of convoys & wagons will accede at once to his wishes. Anyone not obeying to be reported by O.C. A.R.P. to C.O. without delay.
3. Notwithstanding Order No. 26 and other references, Sections are still found to be using Camp G.S. Wagons for salving. They MUST be drawn from A.R.P.W.L. by their own telephone or verbal arrangement with Lt. Peel, the camp wagons are held for duties detailed by the Adjt.
4. Salving for 16th. & 17th. :-  
1K:- completion of work on hand:-  
2K:- " " " " " and about 7 A.L.W. loads 18pr. in valley NORTH of BLANGY TRONVILLE and shells and parts on VILLERS ROAD between Inf. Bde.H.Q. & PLANE CORNER.
5. The majority of shells, brass, tins & boxes, in the Div. Area & to SOUTH are now located, & commencing on the 18th. inst. the Salvage Areas of 1K & 2K will be on SOUTH and on NORTH of VILLERS ROAD, which is inclusive to 2K. O.C. will subdivide these in reconnaissance areas for their Subalterns & systematically search old positions, banks, roads & woods till the whole salvage useful to either the British or the Enemy is brought back. The French Area should only be entered by 1K. for this purpose from rear to front & no cross country movement to take place. Subalterns to continue to report successful reconnaissance.
6. As visibility has improved, more work should be done after dusk. Subalterns and N.C.Os. must take note of the fact that positions that can be approached with a convoy on dull days must have a scheme worked out beforehand for approach on clear days. No tracks to be made through grass or crops unless absolutely necessary.

*J. Deussen Capt*  
Lt. COL.

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



SECRET.Issued to: - War Diary4th. Aust. D.A.C. ORDER No. 33.

18.5.18

1. Section Salving indents for G.S.W. on O.C. A.R.P.W.L. will if possible be lodged prior to 8p.m. stating duration of use.
2. Lt. F. F. Florance will relieve Lt. C. E. Peel as O.C. A.R.P.W.L. on 18th. : the former to report in morning and the latter to hand over after 4p.m. ,with all orders, procedure etc.
3. Fitter of 1K. will be relieved by Fitter of 2K. on 19th. by noon. Tools, paint etc. to be taken by him, & the wagons ~~left~~ in 1st. class repair and condition. *kept.*
4. The following reliefs take place on 19th. inst. by 9.p.m.:-  
 179th. Army Bde. R.F.A. relieve 11th. A.F.A.Bde. to be Superimposed.  
 11th. A.F.A.Bde. relieve 14th. Army Bde. to be in Right Group.  
 14th. Armt Bde. become Reserve Bde.
5. LOCATIONS:-  
 O.C. 11th. Bde. to be O.C. Right Group at N 24 b 2 3 .  
 41st. O 20 a 5.5.                      43rd. O 8 d 5.8.  
 42nd. O 14 c 6.8.                      111th. O 9 c 1.2.  
 W.Ls. as at present.
6. 111th. Bty. move into an 18pr. position: a full echelon of 200 rounds per Howitzer, will be required & D.A.C. to assist as arranged later.
7. 10th. and 11th. A.F.A.Bdes. now form the Right Group.
8. Reconnaissance parties not to approach Btys. Before 7 p.m.

*F. V. Veeun* Lt. Col.

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



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Issued to

War Diary

4th. Aust. D. A. C. Order No. /34 of 19.5.18.

1. Until further orders the 12 teams for the A.R.P. G S Wagons will be found :-

20th. inst. 1K & every second day thereafter :

21st. inst. 2K & every second day thereafter.

2 N C Os will accompany their teams for duty each day.

3. Artillery ammunition salvage receipts of Sections since 4th. inst. including that in Order No. 32 and included in A R P Officer's Return below :-

	13-pr.	:	18-pr.	:	4.5"
No. 1 Sectn.	348	:	2182	:	520
No. 2 "	1435	:	3802	:	663 <del>6</del>
Totals	1783	:	5984	:	1183

4. Salved recently by 2K :-

1 Dial Sight No. 7  
 1 Sight Clinometer  
 1 Firing Lever B M  
 1 Firing Body B M  
 2 Spanners, Nos. 122 & 123

delivered to Technical Store N.C.O.

5. A R P Wagon Line Officer's Return for week ending 19th. :-  
 56420 E.C.C., 3350 Boxes, 6031 18-pr., 1467 4.5", and  
 3202 13-pr.
6. Should Batteries or D. A. C. require the use at night of G S Wagons for E.C.C. collection, or when those of Camp are all in use, they may send teams to A.R.P. Wagon Lines and indent on the O.C.

H. V. Vernon

Lt. Col.

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



SECRET.

ISSUED TO

War Diary4th. AUST. DIV. AMMN. COLUMN. ORDER No. 35

22.5.18

1. LOCATIONS.

10th. B. H. Q.	O 25 b 0 8
37th.	T 6 b 4 7
38th.	O 20 d 266
39th.	T 6 b 2 9
110th.	O 20 a 8 9

RIGHT GROUP.

11th. B.H.Q.	N 24 b 5 9
41st.	O 26 b 7 9
42nd.	O 26 a 8 8
43rd.	O 20 b 2 1
111th.	O 20 d 5 5

D. T. M. O. ---

7	N 24 b 3 7
8	GLISY
	O 35 b

ANTI TANK. O 29 b 7550 : O 30 c 6055 : O 36 a 4585CLOSE DEFENCE GUNS. U 3 a 1010 : U 3 a 1540

2. INFANTRY. RIGHT BDE.: - 11th. A.I.B. : NIGHT 20/21  
 LEFT BDE.: - 9th. A.I.B. : NIGHT 21/22  
 10th. A.I.B. : ALLONVILLE AREA.

G.O.C. 3rd. AUST. DIV. Cnds. Sector & Artillery from 10 a. m.  
 22nd.: C.R.A. 4th. AUST. DIV. 1/c latter.

3. On relief of 4th. Div. (less Arty.) the S.A.A. Sub-sections, form part of Bde. Groups, with the O.C. at D.H.Q., ALLONVILLE.

4. Os.C. A.R.P.: A.R.P.W.L.; & Sections, to take action on G.R.O. 4048 (Extracts) . "Safety Caps for the No. 106 Fuzes are urgently required at home. As many as possible will be salvaged, packed by themselves in Ammn. Boxes, clearly labelled with the number of Caps contained, & despatched to Ordnance Depot, HAVRE."

5. Sgt. Brockman becomes A.R.P. N.C.O. from 21.5.18

6. Cpls. Graham & Brown C.T. will attend Dump Camouflage Course; on return the former will go to A.R.P. & supervise Camouflaging, & other duties laid down later. The latter will demonstrate to the Officers in Camp under arrangements by Capt. Aikins, & impart the instruction he has obtained. O.C. 3K may requisition for his services through C.O. when desired.

*A. V. Veum*

LT. COL.

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



SECRET.ISSUED TO *Iron Diary*.....4th. Aust. D. A. C. ORDER No.36. 24.5.18

1. No.1 Section will clean up Area along BOIS L'ABBE from O 32 d 3 2 to O 33 c 3 3 containing about 4000 Rds. 18-pr. & 45" commencing with 10 A.R.P. G.S.Wagons on night of 24th. with two No.1 Section Officers, ( special orders issued)  
A.L.Ws & G S Ws mixed are preferable on nights following.
2. O.C. No. 2 Section will salve about 1000 rds. 4.5" near O 27 d 3 2. He will detail an Officer to accompany C.O. with convoy in para (1) to locate same.
3. Ammunition for S.O.S. and counter battery work is now 60 of A to 40 of AX.
4. On 26th. inst. 179th. Army Bde. will relieved by 14th. Army Bde. & 23rd. by 179th. On completion C.O. 179th. takes command of left group : 14th. is superimposed group : and 23rd. is reserve Bde. W.Ls. as at present.
5. Corpl. Brown of No. 2 Section is in charge a 6-pr. Hotchkiss at about O 29 b 9 9.
6. From night 25th/26th. the 12 G S Ws. stationed at A R P between 4PM and 9 am. may be reduced to 1 per Section, to allow them to be ~~withdwn~~ withdrawn for repairs, cleaning etc. The fitter and guard will be withdrawn to Camp, and the A R P guard become responsible.  
Lieut. Florance will remain till special orders are given to retire so as to complete the return called for on Sunday 26th. The G S Ws will be drawn to the Dump daily by 5 teams and 1 N C O of each Section; and 1 team taken if G S W left at A R P over night.

H. V. Vernon Lt. Col.

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



SECRET.

ISSUED TO

War Diary4th. AUST.D. A. C. ORDER 37 of 26.5.18  
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1. Ammn. receipts submitted for Salvage taken by Sections to Dump since 4th. inst. ( & included in the weekly A.R.P. returns):-

	13pr.	18pr.	4.5		
No.1 Sectn.	2332	3124	520	=	5976 shells
No.2 do	1619	3802	663	=	6084 do
	<u>3951</u>	<u>6926</u>	<u>1183</u>		

2. Salving on 24th. & 26th. by 1K. include:- 1 A.L.W. limber & body & 35 boxes of 3" Stokes Mortars from near CACHY.
3. Care must be enjoined on all Salvage parties by the Officers & N.C.Os. that shells with 106 fuze without the caps will be left, caps obtained from Dump, & placed on fuze if the brass tape is not unwound: if unwound the shells are on no account to be touched or knocked.
4. Locations of S.A.A. Section 24.5.18:-  
 O. C. & Office:- ALLONVILLE ( Village )  
 I Sub-section do G 12 b 1 9  
 J do RIVERY M 2 d 5 4  
 K do PONT NOYELLES H 18 a 3 6
5. The Explosives from K H.Q. will be distributed in I, J & K Sub-sections: & the G.S.W. lettered KX will be relettered K26.
6. Today's weekly return from Lt. Florance, Salvage Officer, A.R.P. W.L. is 18380 - 13pr. : 3238- 18pr. : 1260- 4.5 & 1095 charges 8415- E.C.C. : .550-Boxes : 183- T.M.B. : clips, tins, etc.
7. It is not unlikely Personnel will be reduced at the Dump on 2nd. ult.
8. Sorting of Field Ammunition at Army Depots, Corps Dumps, and Refilling Points, etc.- The following will be substituted for S.O. 711.-  
 (a) All 18pr. and 4.5 howitzer ammunition will be sorted as follows:-  
 (1) By propellants.  
 (2) By fuzes.  
 (3) By driving bands, in the case of 4.5 howitzer.  
 (b) Fuzes will be sorted as follows:-  
 (1) Shrapnel (18pr) -- By heavy and normal groups.  
 By each 10th. of setting correction.  
 (2) H.E. (18pr) & (4.5 How) By delay, non-delay, and 106 fuzes.  
 (c) Every endeavour will be made not to mix 18pr. shrapnel once it has been sorted into the various groups and setting corrections.  
 (d) Only fuzes of the same group and setting correction will be issued to Batteries, whenever possible.
9. Incendiary & Smoke:- 18pr. & 4.5in. incendiary and smoke ammunition will be stacked separately, as far as possible from each other, and, if possible, 400 yds. away from any other ammunition. They should be transported separately.
10. Return of Ammunition Packages:- A large number of 4.5 in. howitzer cartridge tins have recently been returned to railhead in sacks or in boxes without lids. Tin fuze cylinders have also been returned in boxes without lids.  
 Attention is drawn to Standing Order No.662 which must be observed.
11. DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY will move back to training Area on relief of the 3rd. Div. Artillery on the 2nd. June.

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



4th. Aust. D.A.C. Order No. 38 of 30.5.18

1. Cancel para 5 of Order No. 37 to read:- The explosives wagon from K.H.Q. to 3 K. will be relettered K40. and be at present attached with load to '4' Sub-section.
2. 'K' Sub-section has moved to H 22 a 3 7 QUERRIEU.
3. A new pattern of No. 106 Fuse Cylinders is coming into supply in which the walls of the cylinder are made of stout cardboard treated to make it damp-proof. The bottom and top of the cylinder are of tin plate the top being attached and sealed by adhesive tape. The markings, dimensions and packing are the same as in the earlier pattern of cylinder made entirely of tin-plate. The cylinders with lids and internal packing pieces are to be returned when empty for transmission to the Base.
4. G 1/341 shows summary of Salvage of 4th. Div. Arty. in this area up to 26.5.18. only:-

Ammn. 13pr.	5,142 rds.	valued @	£3	-	15,426
" 18pr.	48,431 "	"	£3-10	-	149,508
" 4.5.	9,851 "	"	£4	-	39,404
18pr. Gun	1	"			675
(A.L.Ws.	5	"	£60	-	300
(3 yet to be added, totat 8, average condition good.)					
E.C.C.	310,000	"	8/-		124,000
Boxes.	45,000	"	5/-		11,250
					£360,563

The C.R.A. has expressed his satisfaction. This reflects high credit on all ranks: as the salvage has not been done without danger.

5. Ammn. receipts of Salvage taken by Sections to Dump since 4th, inst. (included in all other returns.)

	13pr.	18pr.	4.5"
No. 1 Section.....	2332	4283	520
No. 2 Section.....	1620	3808	2119
	3952	8091	2639

6. While in back area a policy of intense training will be pursued, (D.A. Order 147), including Driving Drill, Signalling, Field manoeuvre, instruction in Lewis Gun; and all routine such as stable management, packing and care of equipment, dress and turnout etc. as per programme to be issued later. As this is expected to fill all working hours without break, Wednesday and Saturday Half Days, and Sunday whole day will be devoted to recreation except in necessary stable hours. Suggestions will be taken as to suitable forms of Sport and Amusement.
7. In new area, all S.A.A. will be collected and held at Q.M. Store, and issued daily to Guards as required.
8. As per D.A. Order 148 Lts. McKeown & Cumming with 1 N.C.O. per Sectn. and K.H.Q. will proceed to HALLENCOURT Area to take over Camps etc. from 3rd. D.A.C.: train at AILLY-sur-SOMME for PONT-REMY where horses are provided. Lines are at HAUCOURT.
9. After 4 p.m. to-day the daily 10 G.S.Ws. from camp to A.R.P. are not required and each Section is at liberty to withdraw its 1 G.S.W. parked for night work at A.R.P. No more Salvage in Field is necessary if the wagons require repairs, painting, lettering, and this must be attended to on 31st. and after until completed. Lt. Florance & salvage N.C.O may withdraw complete. It is to be recollected however, that Batteries may call for necessary G.S.Ws. work until about night 1/2nd. prox.
10. Full boxed echelon will accompany the D.A.C. on 3rd. inst. & this should be drawn to-day & deposited in camp.

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



4th. AUST. D.A.C. ORDER No. 39. 31.5.18

1. Reliefs by 3rd. Aust. Div. Arty. (D.A.No 149) :- Nos. 1 & 2 Sections will have guides at GLISY CHURCH at 9 a.m. 1st. June to conduct advance parties to the Lines. Personnel at A.R.P. to be relieved complete by 4 p.m. & responsibility for Ammunition Supply passes to C.O. 3rd. A.D.A.C. at 6 p.m. 2nd. June.  
The C.R.A. hands over Command at 10 a.m. on 3rd. June.
2. SHELLS. 4.5" Chemical Filled C.G. are now being received: 106 fuze: cartridges in same box: shell, grey with bands red, white & red, and red and brown rings on shoulder.
3. 4th. AUST. DIV. (less Arty.) will relieve the 5th. Aust. Div. in 'B' Divisional Sector & Area, the Command passing at 10 a.m. on 2nd. June. D.H.Q. will be at BUSSY. The Arty. will be 5th. Aust. Div.; 77th., 150th., 298th. Army Bdes. : & 16th. Army Bde. R.H.A.: 9th. Bde. R.G.A. all under C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Div.
4. SALVING. 1 - 18pr. A.L.W. complete & 2 - 4.5" A.L.W. Limbers delivered 30th. inst. to I.O.M. PICQUIGNY. The total of wagons salvaged between the 5th. & 30th. May is now 8 Limbers & 11 Bodies.
5. FOR INSPECTION & PARADE purposes the following 1st. stage of drill will commence at once, every team being exercised:- Groups of six wagons, Driving & Wheeling in Line: the Saluting of all the drivers & Group Leader simultaneously. All drivers to carry whips.
6. LEWIS M.G. crews of 1 N.C.O. & 3 o/r per Section will be selected at once & training by A/Bdr. George, Passed Course, will commence. On arrival in new Area no permanent L.M.G. position to be made till approved by C.O. In all future marches the crews will march close to their gun, which will be capable of being unloaded and used quickly.
7. 4th. A.D.A. Administrative Instructions 29th. issued. Referring to para (3) of latter "No men who cannot swim, & no men by themselves, will be allowed to swim in the river or deep pools. Any who embark on a boat will first remove his boots. The senior at the waterside will take any necessary precautions for safety that he is able." This to be read on parades.

*H. V. Vernon*

Lt. Col.

O.C? 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.





Weekly return of Salvage by  
A.R.P. Waggon lines from 19.5.18 to 26.5.18

	A	AX	BX	N	NX	TMB	ECC.	Boxes	CLIPS	TINSC
Sunday				96	100	183	280	100		4000
Monday	<del>180</del>			180	170		2100	200		
Tuesday	1964	432	853							
Wednesday			347				1200			
Thursday							700	250		
Friday	777		60				1380			
Saturday	65						2755		295	
TOTAL	2806	432	1260	180	270	183	8415	550	295	4000

Tuesday BX charges 1095.

Frank Horne  
O/c ARP Waggon lines



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### WEEKLY RETURN A.R.P. W.L.S

SALVED BY A.R.P. FROM 6.5.18 TO 12.5.18 AT 12 <sup>NOON</sup> ~~PM~~

	EGG	EMPTY BOXES	A	AX	BX	CHARGES	RED CHARGES.
6 <sup>th</sup> MONDAY	16000	101	22	10	-	-	-
7 <sup>th</sup> TUESDAY	16900	84	54	-	10	-	-
8 <sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY	18200	50	-	-	-	-	-
9 <sup>th</sup> THURSDAY	26000	10	-	-	-	-	-
10 <sup>th</sup> FRIDAY	9200	364	-	-	-	-	146
11 <sup>th</sup> SATURDAY	-	-	1590	459	504	228	-
12 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY	5000	52	120	-	160	-	-
	91300	661	1786	469	674	228	176

N.B. FOUR WAGGONS CONTINUALLY ON THE DUMP CARTING BROKEN. BOXES AND RUBBISH.

Copy to  
D.A. 14/5/18  
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Chas. E. Peel. Lt  
O/c R.A.P. W.L.S





WEEKLY RETURN A.R.P. W.L.S.

SALVED By A.R.P. FROM 12 A.M. 12-5-18. TO 12 A.M. 19-5-18.

	ECC	EMPTY BOX'S	A	AX	BX CHARGES	RED	G	N	NX	BNC
SUNDAY	4200		1552		392	197				
MONDAY	7700	750	74	6	24		29			9
TUESDAY	11200	500	1952		550	38				
WEDNESDAY	11900	600	1032	296	388	32		228	112	
THURSDAY	9100	800	740	143			4			
FRIDAY	420	300						780	344	
SATURDAY*	4200	400			14	32		1073	765	90
SUNDAY	7700									
	56420	3350	5353	445	1368	299	33	2081	1121	99

\* NB INCLUDING 37-106 FUSES

Chas. E. Peel. Lieut.  
O/c A.R.P. W.L.S.



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"C" FORM.

Army Form C. 2123.  
(In books of 100.)

MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....Code <i>BF</i> .....Words..... <i>l s d</i>	Received.	Sent, or sent out.	Office Stamp.
Charges to Collect	From <i>AO9</i>	At .....m.	
Service Instructions	By <i>[Signature]</i>	To .....	
<i>AO9</i>		By .....	

Handed in at.....Office.....m. Received *230* m.

TO *4<sup>th</sup> Just Div*

* Sender's Number. <i>SC 90</i>	Day of Month. <i>1<sup>st</sup></i>	In reply to Number. <i>-</i>	AAA
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*Arrange for 1 G.S. Wagon  
for per B<sup>19</sup> + B<sup>20</sup> Hdqrs  
to report to 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> AFA B<sup>20</sup>  
for move to new area  
aaa Ammunition from  
these wagons will be dumped  
at Contay dump aaa on  
completion of move wagons  
will be returned to you*

FROM	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Just Div HQ</i>
PLACE & TIME	

\* This line should be erased if not required.  
(11215) W528/M1970. 50,000 Pads. 10/5/17. E. 1213. R.B.Ltd., B.



4th Aust. Div. Ammn. Column

3rd May 1918

2nd A.D.A.H.Q.

Reference Order 99, para. 5, and your S.C. 90. This Unit is now only carrying 3168 18-pr and 708 4.5", the amount struck off strength temporarily being 432 18-pr and 660 4.5".

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

Copy to Lt ADHQ  
" War Diary



FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY COPY NO.....

HEADQUARTERS,  
 26th May 1918.

The following is a Summary of salvage carried out by the Artillery in this Area for the month ending 26/5/18, showing Cost Price of the various articles and the totals.:-

The C.R.A., is very pleased with the efforts made by all Ranks to clear the Area, the result of which, up to date is most excellent.

SERVICEABLE AMMUNITION SALVED -

Ammunition	Quantity	Cost	Total
18-pdr.	48,431 rounds	£3/10/-	£169,508 , 10 7 0
4.5" How.	9,851 "	4/ -/-	39,404 - 0 - 0
13-pounder	5,142 "	3/ -/-	15,426 - 0 - 0
Empty Cart. Cases.	310,000	8/-	124,000 - 0 - 0
Boxes	45,000	5/-	11,250 - 0 - 0
Amm. Wagons complete	6 (with guns £250)	50/ , / ,	300 - 0 - -
18-pdr. Gun	1	675/ - / -	675 - 0 - 0
Clips. Tins Fuzel cases - rubber " " 106. etc.	many thousands.		
Grand Total			£ 360,563 - 10 - 0

*Arthur Robert*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION -

- 10th Aust. F.A. Brigade
- 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade,
- 4th Aust. D.A.C.,
- 4th Aust. D.T.M.O.
- 14th ARMY Brigade R.F.A.,
- 23rd ARMY Brigade R.F.A.,
- 86th ARMY Brigade R.F.A.,
- 179th ARMY Brigade R.F.A.,
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 27/5/18 (Hv) OC 14 RFD Capt.  
 24 RA Capt.  
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