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4th Aust. Div. A.C.

FOR

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Summary of Events and Information

LAMOTTE-BREBIERE.

1st. June.

4th. Aust. Div. Arty. is about to be relieved by 3rd. Aust. Div. Arty. Advance parties arrive 10 a.m.: & the O.C. & Sections during afternoon, & double-up in bivouacs. I issue Order No. 40 (march order)

The three subsections of S.A.A. Section concentrated in RIVERY.

Issued to Batteries:- 38A, 38AX, 250BX.

2nd. June.

Guided O.C. 3rd. D.A.C. round dump & Brigade Hqrs. & Bty. positions, & handed over Defence Scheme.

Lt. Dickinson evacuated, accident.

Lt. Florance returns from duty with 110th. Bty.

1 Cpl. & 2 o/r wounded by shell fire on TRONVILLE

Dump.

Handed over responsibility of Ammn. Supply at 4 p.m.

Issued to Btys.:- 259A, 77AX, 70BX, 150BNC.

3rd. June.

HANGEST. Marched at 9 a.m. via CAMON-RIVERY-ST SAUVEUR-AILLY-sur-SOMME to HANGEST (19 miles) & bivouaced.

4th. June.

EAUCOURT. Marched at 9.22 a.m. via SOUES-AIRAINES-PONT REMY to EAUCOURT. Billets for about half the men, remainder sleeping out.

5th. June.

Resting. Improved wagon parks & horse lines.

Repairing and painting ~~wagons~~ of wagons commence.

6th. June.

D.A.C. drill at EAUCOURT for forthcoming Inspections & Review.

7th. June.

Inspection & Review at PONT REMY before C.R.A.

8th. June.

Improving equipment.

9th. June.

Inspection & Review at PONT REMY before General Sir W.R. Birdwood. Sgt. Brogan V. M.M. and No. 1516 Dr. Wilson J.G. M.M. presented with their Medals.

10th. June.

Lt. Stanwix to M.G. School. Resting.

11th. June.

Commencement of training: Physical Instructor from 4th. Army Rest Area: driving drill etc.

12th. June.

Sports of 4th. Div. Arty.

13th. June.

Training.

14th. June.

Lt. Mein to Camouflage School, WIMEREUX.

15th. June.

1 mule of S.A.A. Section wounded by shell fire at RIVERY.

16th. June.

Sunday.

17th. June.

Reduction of teams of AMMN. Limber Wagons from 6 to 4 animals, & increase of spares, total reduction 72 L.Ds. and 36 drivers. 34 animals returned to Remount Depot. Orders received to leave Ammunition at EAUCOURT when marching to be taken over by 5th. D.A.C. on arrival. Order No. 1 issued (March Order.) Bishop Long explains A.I.F. Educational Scheme.

18th. June.

BOURDON. Marched at 10.30 a.m. via PONT REMY-LONG-FLIXECOURT to BOURDON, & bivouaced.

Issued Order No. 2.

19th. June.

RENANCOURT. Marched at 10.15 a.m. via YSEUX-LA CHAUSSEE-PICQIGNY-DREUIL to RENANCOURT, & bivouaced.

Issued Order No. 3.

H.V. Vernon L768

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20th. June.

QUERRIEU. Rain.

Marched at 8 a.m. via AMIENS CITADEL to a valley $\frac{1}{4}$ mile South of QUERRIEU & relieved the 5th. Aust. D.A.C. by NOON. Took over Ammunition Supply to 'B' DIV. Sector, Aust. Corps; and two dumps, one in Camp, & other for Right Group at DAOURS. Come under Command of C.R.A. 5th. Aust. Div.

Issued Order No. 4.

Stock on hand:- 8747 A; 5346 AX: 4229 BX: 652 A Smoke: 2536 BNC: 353 BCBR: 540 BCG: 300 Smoke Candles 233 TMG: 4000 SAA: 494 SAAAP: 1712 SAA Tracer: 720 N: 251 NX(13-pr. RHA.)

21st. June.

Capt. Heatley, O.C. No.11 Dental Unit proceeds on leave to England. Shells fall about 500 yds. from Camp. ~~Reconnaisance~~ Reconnaissance parties from Sections locate the Batteries, the Wagon Lines, roads & bridges.

Lt. Mein returns from Camouflage School.

Issued to Btys. to 8 a.m. 2622A: 1574 AX: 890 BX:

22nd. June.

C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Div. takes command at 10 a.m..

Lt. Cramp is O.C. of Camp Dump & Lt. Mein O.C. of DAOURS

Dump: proportion of A. to AX. = 6 to 4.

2/Lt. Stanwix returns from Machine Gun School.

Issued Order No. 5.

Issued to Batteries ~~xxx~~ to 8 a.m. 456 A: 304 AX: 600 BX.

23rd. June.

3 new A.L.Wagons to be drawn, & orders are given for me to send back teams to PONT REMY, which necessitates a 4 days trip for 1 officer & 10 o/Rs & 20 animals: tied behind lorries these wagons would have been brought to D.A.D.O.S. in a few hours.

A.I.F. List 346 shows award of Meritorious Service Medal to 31 Staff Sgt. B. McMahon.

Lt. F.F.Florance reports to Aust. Corps Ammn. Railhead Officer, BERTANGLES for 1 months course of duty. Shells fall on outer edge of camp: the animals & men are well protected by revetted bomb proof walls.

Issued to Batteries: 6370 A: 2378 AX; 1870 BX.

24th. June.

C.R.A. decides to have one A.R.P. instead of two, the CAMP dump to become a RESERVE. Shells fall near.

Issued to Btys.: - 1056A; 970AX; 1517BX; 100TMG.

25th. June.

Removed 3587 rds, 40 G.S.Wagon loads, from dump of 298th. Army Bde. near La NEUVILLE back to DAOURS A.R.P.. 2/Lt. Stanwix commences syllabus of training of the D.A.C. N.C.Os. & men in the Lewis Machine Gun: Course to be 12 days total, & progressive in the three Sections: M.G. range formed close to camp.

Strength to-day, 83 o/R. overstrength: 23 L.Ds. overstrength, retained for Batteries that are short.

Issued to Btys.: 2812A: 2158AX: 560BX.

H.V. Vernon Lobe

D. D. & L. ... (A800) Wt. W.1771/15000 5/17 Sch. 52 Form C.2118/14

WAR DIARY

APPENDIX

OF

4th Aust. D.A.C.

FOR

June 1918

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Drinks Cpt

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4th. AUST. DIV. AMMN. COLUMN.

5.6.18

1; Amplification of D.As. C 5/17 Notes.: Review Procedure 9th. June 1918.: Inspection of 4th. Aust. Div. Artillery by General Sir W.R. Birdwood K.C.B.; K.C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., A.D.C.

2. Definition:- A Group (as usual) is six (6) wagons of D.A.C. conforming to a Battery frontage: & 3 Groups in Line equal the Brigade frontages on "Parade Line".

3. Ref. D.A. Notes:-

para (2)c. No. 1516 Dvr. Wilson J.G.: No. 2. Section will be in or near E Group, in readiness to receive Decoration.

para (2)e. It is understood the only reason preventing the D.A.C from Trotting Past, is the limited room on the Parade Ground.

paras. (3) & (4) The D.A.C. will form in Review Order in Mass of Three Parade Units viz:-

- 4 ALW Groups of 1 K in Quarter Column under O.C. 1K.
- 4 do do 2 K do do do O.C. 2K.
- 4 GSW do mixed do do do Senior Subs.

Dressing of quarter column will conform on 11th. Bde. Btys. after they are correct.

Interval from 11th. Bde. to be 8yds.

Frontage will be distances of 4yds. from lead driver to lead driver without further interval, between the three subunits: rear ~~groups~~ groups will conform and dress under direction of the Adjutant.

para (5) On the C.Os. Command "Officers to the Front— March":- The 3 sub-unit Commanders stand fast 3 horses lengths in front of their sub-unit.

Each Officer of rear Groups wheels to left & moves up on left flank of sub-unit, & then in front of his leading group so as to equally divide the frontage, as directed. The Adjutant, Horsemaster & R.M.O. will dress on the right of the Group Leaders & in front of the right hand team.

No. 1 Section trumpeter will be at call of Adjutant as messenger.

No. 2 Section trumpeter will ride with the C.O.

para. (9) C.O. will give the order "Officers take post.":- Marker 'C' will be provided by KHQ. & on the order "Markers" will move up in line with the Os.C. Units, & on orders of B.M. will gallop dressing on 10th. Bde. Marker.

para. (10) C.O. will give the Command "March past in Column of Groups from the right, Half distance, close interval, leading Groups right wheel, Walk March."

N.B. The whole sub-unit of 4 Groups must move off on the word "March".

N.B. The left wheel on the ^{to} Passing Line must be made a square one by the rear Groups, by each Group Leader.

para. (11) All drivers must carry whips, even if substitutes have to be made.

N.B. The lead driver of the right hand team of each Group will not turn his head to the right as he is responsible for direction & pace which must not be checked. Drivers to be warned that with head turned to the right their left leg must not be pressed in or the animal will wheel.

N.B. Group leaders, only, will give the "Eyes Right" in a clear loud command. Os.C. Units give no command.

N.B. Drivers must be instructed that the action of Officers' ~~dropping~~ hands dropping from the salute is not the signal to "Eyes front". Their salute with the whip will be maintained until each Group leader gives that command.

- para. (12) 25yds. distance between the three sub-units. Group leaders will have their horses head 3 horses lengths behind the wagons in front; (that is 13yds. from tailboard to team horses' heads.)
- para. (14) Does not concern D.A.C.
- para. (15) D.A.C. will form on Parade line as before. A Marker will be established by Adjutant on this for leading Group, but temporarily removed during the March past. 2nd. & 3rd. sub-units to wheel well from the rear & halt 2 wagon lengths in rear of their lines, & dress on Adjutants instructions.

SERREFILES. Mounted N.C.Os. not Group leaders will ride one horses length in rear of the right & left wagons of the groups, distributed & if necessary on the march ride forward on near side of drivers to assist or instruct them.

In the March past the Adjt., Horsemaster & R.M.O. will ride 1 horses length in rear of rear serrefiles, Adjt. on the right.

R.S.Ms. position will be as directed by Adjt.

G.S.W. SUBUNIT.

1st. Group:	6	G.S.W.	of	1K
2nd. do	5	do	of	1K & 1 of K.H.Q.
3rd. do	6	do	of	2K
4th. do	4	do	of	2K & 2 of K.H.Q.

CLEANLINESS. The right hand wagon of each Group should be chosen from the smartest turn out, (harness, wagon & well dressed drivers.) The flank teams should be those of drivers well trained to wheelings. The tailboards of all G.S.W. should be especially clean & neatly painted. " Horse transport " notices correct & the white disc on each left hand wagon. G.S.Wgns. to be practically empty: all to have their equipment.

ROLLS.

Each Sub-unit Commander to draw up in consultation with C.O. on 8th. inst. a roll showing the Group leaders & the group serrefiles. Lieut. H.H.McKeown is senior Subaltern taking charge of G.S.W. Unit.

DRILLS.

Drills to take place on a roster every day, even if short or without the wagons. The saluting in mass to be correctly done.

H.V. Veum

Lt. Col.

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

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INSPECTION PARADE FOR 7th. INSTANT.

All Officers without exception to attend the Parade.

The N.C.Os. left in camp will be those who are to be left in on 9th. instant.

Every A.L.W. & G.S.W. as laid down in D.A.C. notes will be on parade.

Sections & K.H.Q. will Parade at 1.20 p.m. in own lines ready to march to PONT REMY in the rear of 11th. A.F.A.Bde.:-

Order of March:- 1K. 24 ALWs.:2K. 24 ALWs.
 1K. 11 GSWs. & KHQ. 1 GSW.
 both groups under 1K. N.C.Os.
 2K. 10 GSWs. & KHQ. 2 GSWs. under two N.C.Os. of 2K.

Lieut. Peel will march at head of all G.S.Ws. & he will peruse & be conversant with the Notes of D.A. & D.A.C. issued to the O.C. 1K. for the Inspection.

The harness and wagons will be inspected by the C.R.A.

Fly fringes to be omitted: all head collars to have brow bands.

K.H.Q. Marker & No. 1 Trumpeter to ride with the Adjt.

2K. Trumpeter to report to the C.O. at head of column at 1.30 p.m.

Water Carts of D.A.C. will march in rear of G.S.Ws.

All wagons to be unloaded, equipment to be left on.

Peel

Capt.

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

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APPENDIX *A*

4th. AUST. DIV. AMMN. COLUMN.

INSTRUCTIONS for REVIEW PARADE to be held 9th. inst.

1. No. 2 Section will turn out 11 G.S. Wagons using Technical Store Wagon.
K.H.Q. will turn out 2 wagons; one (1) for 1K Sub-Unit of G.S. Wagons & one (1) for 2K. Sub-Unit of G.S. Wagons.
2. Special Attention is to be ~~paid~~ given to turn out. Rim of Hats to be turned up on left side.
3. If securing straps are available one (1) Blanket ^{G.S} is to be folded neatly and placed on top of Limbers & Wagon Bodies. Blankets to be folded uniformly throughout. D.A.C. Section Commanders should confer to ensure uniformity.
4. Wheel Drivers ~~are to drive~~ of G.S. Wagons are not to Drive from Box ~~Seat~~ Seat. All Drivers are to drive Postillion, *including water cart.*
5. As many men as possible are to be taken out on Vehicles. Each G.S. Wagon is to have at least one man riding on Box Seat to act as Breakman.

~~*Signed~~

Leeeson Capt.

Adj. 4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

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FOURTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVL ARTILLERY.
No. <i>6522</i>
Date.....

To All Commanders,
4th Aust. Div. Artillery.

HEADQUARTERS,
9th June 1918.
(4.30 p.m..)

1. General Sir W.R. BIRDWOOD, Commanding the Australian Imperial Force and the 5th Army, who reviewed us to-day, has asked me to express through you to all ranks on parade, his congratulations and appreciation of the sterling individual effort and good work which alone ensured the smart appearance, smooth action and mobility which was such a marked feature of this Review.

2. All the General Officers and Senior Artillery Officers present were most complimentary and enthusiastic in their appreciation of the fine appearance, clean driving and precision of all Units on parade. Knowing you, I personally expected a very high standard. I can only tell you all that to-day's parade exceeded my most optimistic expectations.

3. I want to thank you all, and can only tell you that your work to-day was a most eloquent and fitting sequel to the well proved "line service" and efficiency of the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

W. H. Murgers

Brigadier-General,
C.R.A., 4th Australian Division.

- To :-
- O.C., 10th Aust. F.A. Bde..
 - O.C., 11th Aust. F.A. Bde..
 - O.C., 4th Aust. D.A.C..
 - O.C., Trench Mortar Batteries.
 - O.C., Signal Sections & Sub-Sections.

APPENDIX B

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVL ARTILLERY	
No.	65/23/11
Date	

C O P Y

Au Q. G; le 5 Juin 1918.

Le General GORNIER DUPLESSIX
 Commandant la 37^e Division d'Infanterie,
 à Monsieur le General SINCLAIR MACLAGAN
 Commandant la 4^o Division. Australienne.

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Mon Général,

J'ai été profondément sensible au témoignage si flatter que le Général BURGESS a bien voulu exprimer sur les artilleurs de ma division, et aux termes si particulièrement aimables de votre transmission.

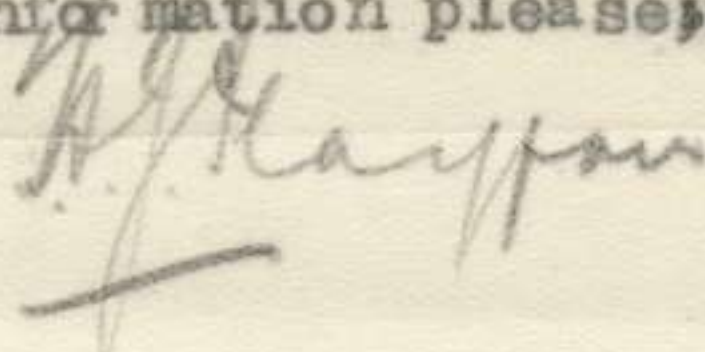
Au nom du Colonel FAUGERON et de ses Officiers et au mien propre, je m'empresse de vous dire ~~combien~~ combien ce témoignage est précieux pour nous; J'ai pourtant le regret de m'être laissé devancer, car je dois rendre le même hommage aux fantassins comme aux artilleurs de votre belle et brave division.

Je saisis l'occasion pour vous exprimer à nouveau, avec mes sentiments personnels, la très haute et très sympathique estime en laquelle nous tenons la 4^o Division Australienne; dont nous resterons en toutes circonstances les très dévoués frères d'armes;

(sgd) FAUGERON

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade,
 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade,
 4th Aust. D.A.C.,
 4th Aust. D.T.M.O.

Forwarded for your information please;



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

Headquarters,
12th June 1918.

C O P Y.

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4th
AUSTRALIAN
DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY.
No. 6523
Date

37^c Division d'Infanterie

Le 7th June 1918.

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ARTILLERIE

Le Colonel FAUGERON

Commandant l'Artillerie de la 37^c D.I.

a M The General Burgess, commanding
the 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

Mr dear General,

The hun willing it will be a great honour and pleasure to me to be present on the 9th inst. at the review of the fine 4th Australian Division.

The 37th African Division will always keep the 4th Australian in the greatest sympathy and esteem.

I shall be delighted to get the chance of thanking you viva voce for the kind way you made much of our liaison-work in your reports to your Corps-Commander.

We have been only too pleased to be able to help you sometimes in giving the hun a good idea of what we could do together. Our utmost desire is to fight again by your side when the time comes for going for the hun and driving him back into his den.

Very sincerely yours

(sgd). FAUGERON

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade,
11th Aust. F.A. Brigade,
4th Aust. D.A.C.,
4th Aust. D.T.M.O.

Forwarded for your information please.

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

Headquarters,
12th June 1918.

APPENDIX C

4th. AUST. D.A.C. ORDER No. 40. 1.6.18

MAPS: AMIENS & ABBEYVILLE: also N.W. EUROPE? sheet 3.

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1. In accordance with 4th. D.A. Order No.150, 4th. A.D.A.C., less S.A.A. Section, will march on 3rd. to RIVIERE? R.A. Area, & on 4th. inst. to HALLENCOURT Area.
 2. 3rd. Inst.
 - (a) A 1K Officer & rear parties from 1K & 2K will remain behind until each Sections! section ground is clean, rejoining en route.
 - (b) Order of March & hours:-

2K	leaves bivouac at	9.0 a.m.
KHQ	" billets "	9.20 a.m.
1K	" " "	9.20 a.m.
 - (c) Routes to S.P. : 2K & 1K, 3rd. class road running due West to CAMON.
 KHQ., 2nd. class road running due West to CAMON.
 Thence, RIVERY, St SAUVEUR, AILLY, HANGEST.
 - (d) Column will be 1 mile 325yds long. Distances will be 500yds. in rear of 11th., & 100yds. in front & rear of K.H.Q. Dismounted Gunners will be marched 3 abreast, not four & will follow A.L.Ws. of Sub-sections.
 - (e) K.H.Q. & 1K will each provide a messenger to report to C.O. at LAMOTTE at 9 a.m.. Adj. & M.O. will ride in rear of column till PICQUIGNY & then join head of column. Technical Stores wagons, No. 11 Dental Unit, & M.Os. cart will march with K.H.Q.
 - (f) Advance parties of 1 Officer, 1 N.C.O. 1 O/R per Section will march together, arriving HANGEST church at 11 a.m. 1 K.H.Q. O/R will accompany. Leave billets 7 a.m. via RIVERY direct.
 - (g) Mid-day feed at 11.50 a.m. Sections & subsections must break if necessary to clear villages.
 3. 4th. Inst.
 - (a) Staging Camps to be left clean & no stores removed.
 - (b) Order of March.: 1K leaves bivouac 9.40 a.m.
 KHQ. follows
 2K do
 - (c) Route ~~via CONDE~~ to EAUCOURT. *via SOUES & AIRAINES & PONT REMY*
 - (d) as para 2 (d).
 - (e) K.H.Q. & 2K will each provide a messenger to C.O. reporting at bivouac at 9.30 a.m. M.O. will ride in rear.
 - (f) Advance parties as para 2 (f) will arrive at EAUCOURT at 9 a.m. leaving bivouac at 6.30 a.m.
 4. All ammunition & charges in A.L.Ws will be carefully inspected & any defective or without fuze covers, or clips will be exchanged at dump today.
 5. It should be possible to water all animals before midday feeds, even if curtailing the 1 hour halt.
 6. Lists of Military damages to billets should be looked into by O.Cs. immediately on taking over.

H.V. Vernon

LT.COL.

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

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4th. Aust. D.A.C. ORDER No. 1. 17.6.18

1. In accordance with 4th. Army R.A. R. Area G.A.5/5/3 and 4th. A.D.A. Order No. 153, the 4th. Div. Arty. less S.A.A. Section will march to relieve the 5th. Aust. Div. Arty. on 18th. inst.
2. 1st. days march will be to St OUEN R.A. Area: order of march:- 14th. Coy. A.A.S.C., 10th. A.F.A.Bde., D.A.C., 11th. A.F.A.Bde. D.A.H.Q. & T.M.Btys. remain as now. The march will be continued on 19th. inst.
3. Billetting parties of 1 Officer and 2 o/Ranks per Section will report to Assist. Adm. Commandant at BOURDON Church at 11 a.m. on 18th. leaving EAUCOURT at 8 a.m. & riding together. Guides to wait within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of leaving main road to billets.
4. Supply arrangements will be notified later.
5. Rear Duty Parties: Adjt., & 1 Officer from 1K. & parties from all billets.
6. Order of March & Hours: 2K. leaves wagon park at 10.40 a.m. to pass S.P., LONQUET Church at 11.56 a.m., K.H.Q. at 10.50 a.m., & 1K. at 11 a.m..
7. Column will be 1 mile 380 yds. long. Distances will be 500yds. in rear of 10th. Bde., & 100yds. in front & rear of K.H.Q. Dismounted personnel to march in pairs of threes behind the A.L.Ws.
8. K.H.Q. & 1K. will each provide 1 messenger to report to C.O. at 2K. lines at 10.40 a.m.. C.O. will ride at head after S.P.: Adjt. & M.O. in rear till FLIXECOURT: Technical Stores and No.11 Dental Unit with K.H.Q.
9. Midday feed to be carried, but not to be put on without orders from head of Column. Water must first be given.

A.V. Veum Lt. Col.
O.C. 4th $\frac{1}{2}$ Aust. D. A. C.

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4th. Aust. D. A. C. ORDER No. 2. 18.6.18

1. D.A. P20. Orders; march on 19th. to SALUEL and RENANCOURT Area.
2. Order of March:- A.A.S.C., 10th., 11th., 4th. D.A.C.
3. Billetting parties will leave BOURDON at 8 a.m. & report to Commandant, RENANCOURT at 11 a.m.. Usual Billetting parties.
The 1K. Officer, if he finds on enquiry that D.A.C. Bivouac at SALUEL or Metz will send to report to the X roads at DREUIL in case the road running South from there will be the shortest & will inform guides of both roads.
4. Rear duty parties as usual.
5. 1K. will leave wagon park at 10.15 a.m. or in rear of 11th. Bde. followed by K.H.Q. & 2K. Route:- YZEUX-La CHAUSSEE-PICQUIGNY-DREUIL.
6. Messengers from K.H.Q. & 2K. to report to head of Column.

H.V. Vernon

Lt. Col.

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

SECRET.ISSUED to H. V. Veum4th. Aust. D. A. C. ORDER No. 3. 19.6.18

1. D.A. Order No. 154, herewith, orders relief of 5th. A.D.A. in 'B' Divm. on 20th., 21st., & 22nd. June 1918.
2. D.A.C. will march passing RENANCOURT Church, the S.P. at 8 a.m. in order:- 1K., 2K., K.H.Q.. They will march via the AVOIDING Road, N. of AMIENS towards QUERRIEU.
3. Advance party of 1 officer & 2 o/Ranks per Section will pass K.H.Q. at 8 a.m. and proceed to the valley, half mile S. of QUERRIEU and dispose guide on main road 1 mile back with view of leading in by most direct route. The Adj. will accompany party.
4. Messenger from 2K. & K.H.Q. report to C.O. at head of Column on starting. Technical Store Wagons & M.O. will move with K.H.Q.
5. No.1. Section will provide an Officer to take ^{over} on the A.R.P. & ~~and~~ Dump & will ride with Adj. taking 1 Corporal from each Section. Further personnel, Kits, rations, clerk etc. will be arranged with 5th. D.A.C.; Lieut. Mein will relieve above officer on his rejoining. Sgt. Moir (2K) will be Dump N.C.O.
6. Relief by 4th. A.D.A.C. will be complete by 2 p.m. 20th. inst. and previous to this Os.C. will have taken over from Os.C. relieved, memos of routes, procedure, ammunition in Billets etc. so that there will be no difficulty in immediate supply. Riding reconnaissance parties should not proceed prior to 5 p.m. & should be continued on 21st. inst. till officers & N.C.Os. know Battery positions, Bridges etc.
7. Ammn. State will be furnished by 7 p.m. at which hour Os.C. will attend K.H.Q.
8. C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Div. will take command of Sector at 10 a.m. 22nd. inst. at BUSSY-les-DAOURS.

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APPENDIX C 16

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Order No. 4. 20.6.18

1. Artillery Groups in "B" Div. Sector, (approximate yet):-
Right.- 10th. A.F.A.Bde. : half 77th. Army Bde.
Centre.- 11th. A.F.A.Bde. : " " "
Left. - 150th. & 189th. Army Bdes.
Superimposed:- 298th. Army Bde.
2. A.R.Ps.:- (a) Forward, or DAOURS Dump.
(b) Left, or Camp Dump.
Sub-Parks deliver to both dumps: E.C.C. are collected at each and after boxing are taken over by 4th. Div. Salvage Coy.
3. DAOURS Dump will be conducted by Lt. Mein & 2K personnel viz. Sgt. Moir, 1 Br., clerk, 2 gunners, 1 batman: rations for these 7 & 7 of 4th. Salvage Coy. will be provided daily by 2K.: the Br. & Gnrs. may be changed periodically. Army Bde. personnel are on duty at the Dump.
4. CAMP DUMP will be conducted by 1K with:- 1 Officer, 1 Cpl., 1 man.
At present Lt. Battye (2K) & Cpl. Barnet (1K) are 1/c Dump.
Working Parties daily will be detailed ~~daily~~ by 1K & 2K of 1 N.C.O. & 10 Gnrs. each. Normal hours on Dump:- 9.10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.: & 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. but will be held in readiness at the mid-day rest & all other hours in case the O.C. requires them for work.
On 20th. inst and even dates, 1K., & on 21st. & odd dates, 2K., will provide a guard of 1 N.C.O. & 3 Gnrs. as Guard, mounting at 6 p.m.: the sentry's beat will be opposite side of road to the Dump.
The N.C.O. will post each relief every 2 hours, or 1 hour, on hot or rainy days, & will be available for Dump duties on emergency.
5. 1K. will provide daily until further orders, 1 G.S.Wagon reporting at Dump at 9.30 a.m. for moving of E.C.C. to boxing dump, till released by O.C. dump, who will acquaint Section by 9. a.m. if the wagon is required.
6. At present under 5th. D.A. all ammunition counting of Gun positions, B.W.Ls., Dumps, & Sections is done by D.A.C. H.Q. & consolidated for D.A.. Counting hour to be 8 a.m., states to be in hands of K.H.Q. by 8.15 a.m.: a K.H.Q. messenger will call at 8 a.m. daily at DAOURS Dump to collect.
7. K.H.Q. Ammunition Clerk (Gnr. Wiltshire) will be available after 10. a.m. daily for Camp Dump clerical work under O.C. Dump.

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APPENDIX C 17

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4th. Aust. D.A.C. ORDER No. 5. 22.6.18

1. To-day Lt. Mein will take over DAOURS Dump from Lt. Cramp; & Lt. Cramp will take over Camp Dump from Lt. Battye.
2. From 21st. inst. a day working party of 1 N.C.O. & 10 other ranks from 2K. with 1 G.S.Wagon with midday rations ~~xxxx~~ and forage will report daily at DAOURS Dump, leaving camp at 8.30 a.m. and leaving Dump at ~~or~~ before 4 p.m.: Picks & shovels to be carried or handed to O.C. Dump. From 23rd. inst. the daily working party of 1 N.C.O. & 20 o/r and 1 G.S.Wagon for CAMP Dump will be drawn from 1K., reporting at 9.10 a.m. as per order No.4, and changing at 8 a.m. (counting hour) unless otherwise arranged between Os. C. Dump & 1K.
3. GUARDS will be found for DAOURS Dump by 2K. Dump personnel, increased if required by O.C. Dump; and by 1K. daily for CAMP Dump, changing Guard every 24 hours at hour arranged by Os. C. Dump & 1K.
4. All delivery of ammunition by Sections at present will be done on demand of Bdes. to B.W.Ls. only: 1K. to 10th., & 2K. to 11th. Bde. Indents received by Dump Officers will be forwarded through the Adj. K.H.Q. does not now return the Gun Position or B.W.L. amm. states.

5. Locations as per D.A. ORDER 154:-

	<u>FIELD</u>	<u>W.L.(rear)</u>
10th. B.Hq. (Right Group)-	Hospice, FOUILLOY	
37th.	O.10.b.1 5	H.36.a.8 9
38th.	O.16.b.2 1	N. 15.d. 1 7
39th.	O.17.a.3 2	N. 5.d.6 1
110th.....	O. 4.a.9 6	H.29.a.8 5
11th.B.Hq. (Left Group)	I.23.d.6 2	
41st.....	J.13.c.0 0	I.13.c.2 2
42nd.....	I.24.d.1 6	H.24.c
43rd.....	I.29.c.9 4	H.18.d.7 0
111th.....	I.35.a.6 6	I.21.b.8 6
4th. A.D.A.C. Hq.....		H.22.b.2 7
do Daours Dump	N.12.a.2 9	
D T M O		I.34.c.4 8

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1. In accordance with Adm. Instn. No. 32, issued to Sections & A.R.P., DAOURS Dump, is the only A.R.P.: the following are the Bdes. authorized to draw there:-
10th. Aust.: 11th. Aust.: 16th., 150th., 189th., & 298th. Army R.F.A. and 4th. Aust. D.T.Ms.
2. CAMP Dump to be RESERVE only. On no account will the Arty. Ammn. on it be ~~used~~ issued without orders from D.A.H.Q.
1K. will continue to supply Guards of 1 post, & their orders will include the above: & that should D.A.H.Q. authority be handed in by any party the N.C.O. i/c guard will take charge of dump for issue at once sending the indent & authority to O.C. 1K. The latter will assume command of dump from Lt. Cramp detailing officers only when necessary for receipt & issue, & any necessary formation work. The daily States from 1K. will show echelon & Reserve dump separately. Present working parties to continue at discretion of O.C. 1K.
3. In acc. with A. I. 32; 2K. will increase the ~~permanent~~ permanent personnel of A.R.P. at 9 a.m. on 25th. to 1 officer, 2 N.C.Os. & 10 o/R. For altering dump 1K., till further notice of O.C. A.R.P., will supply 1 N.C.O. & 10 o/R daily with 1 G.S.Wagon leaving camp at 8.30a.m. & A.R.P. at 4 p.m.
4. 1K. will send on receipt of this order an officer to B.W.L. of 298th. Army Bde. to learn route to & stock on their dump near 1 a NEUVILLE: he will take charge of equal parties from 1K. & 2K. on morning of 25th. to carry this stock back to A.R.P. as arranged daily between him & Adj. till cleared.

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Lt. Col.

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

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W. H. H. H.4th. Aust. D.A.C. ORDER No. 7. 29.6.18Reference 4th. D.A. Adm. Instr. 33.

1. Artillery Brigades will draw ammunition as follows:-

17th. Div. Artillery)	
235th. Bde. R.F.A.)	VEQUEMONT DUMP
236th. do)	
189th. do)	N 12 a 5 9
10th. Aust. F.A.Bde.)	
13th. do)	

16th. Bde. R.H.A.)	
4th. Bde. do)	CAMP DUMP
11th. Aust. F.A.Bde.)	
150th. Bde. R.F.A.)	H 22 b 2 8
14th. Aust. F.A.Bde.)	
298th. Bde. R.F.A.)	

Os. C. A.R.Ps. will not issue ammunition to Brigades other than those allotted to their respective Dumps.

2. A. R. P. Personnel.

(a) VEQUEMONT. The permanent party of 2 N.C.Os. & 10 men from 2K. will continue as at present. In addition 2K. will supply a working party of 1 N.C.O. & 10 o/Rs. daily with picks & shovels and 1 G.S.Wagon leaving camp at 8.30 a.m. & A.R.P. at 4 p.m..

(b) CAMP DUMP. Lieut. Cramp, 1K. in command. 1K. will supply a permanent working party of 2 N.C.Os., one of whom will be Cpl. Barnett, & 20 o/Rs., also 1 G.S.Wagon to report to A.R.P. at 9 a.m. daily.

3. E. C. C. In accordance with instructions E.C.C. should be returned to A.R.Ps. by Battery A.L.Ws.. Os.C. Sections will arrange for their wagons to bring back empties from Battery W. Lines or positions. Records to be kept of all E.C.C. & Empty Boxes returned.

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Capt.

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

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4th. AUST. DIV. AMMN. COLUMN.C. O. 11th. A.F.A.Bde.

Owing to the G.S. Wagons carrying your spare harness & another having been destroyed while in use by one of your Btys., the ammunition ~~harris~~ echelon carried is reduced ~~to~~ to 1692, 18pr. & 452, 4.5". The amount struck off strength is 108, 18pr., & 132 of 4.5".

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