

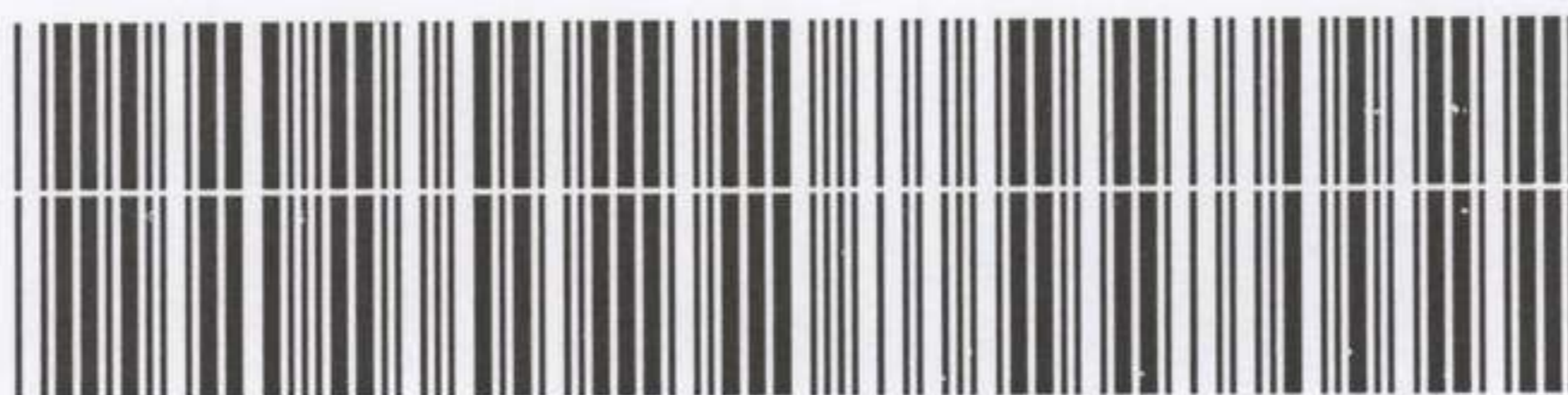
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FRECHENCOURT.

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Remarks and references to Appendices

August 1st. Weather, Fine. D.A.C. H.Q. & No. 2 Section are South East of FRECHENCOURT & No.1 Sec. is at PONT NOYELLES. S.A.A. Sec. is near CAGNY. Issued during last 24 hrs. to:-  
 10th. Bde. Nil.  
 11th. Bde. 300A, 70BX.  
 D.A.C. in process of relief & move back to CORPS Reserve behind AMIENS; 1 Officer is at la CHAUSSEE arranging billets.  
 8 a.m. 2 officers & 40 other ranks of 18th. & 50th. D.A.C. count stock & take over QUARRY A.R.P. from Lieut. Mein.  
 4 p.m. 1 Lieut. & 3 N.C.Os. of 50th. D.A.C. arrive to see the camps.  
 5.15 p.m. 4th. D.A. Ammendment of No.2 recd. cancelling move to la CHAUSSEE & stating, after relief D.A.C. will be under C.R.A. 3rd. Aust. Div.. In evening heavy bombing in adjoining Areas. On leave 2 Officers & 17 other ranks. Strength 85,o/Rs. surplus.  
 August. 2nd. Raining steadily. FRECHENCOURT.  
 Issued to 11th. Bde. 86 BNC.  
 I visit with S.C.R.A. 3rd. D.A. Area, round DAOURS & am given billets for men in Lemaire & Dillies, Wool Works, & horse lines adjoining them, with Hqrs. in house in DAOURS.  
 On leave, 2 officers & 15 other ranks. Strength 81,o/Rs. surplus.  
 August 3rd. DAOURS. Rained till midday.  
 Marched from FRECHENCOURT Area at 1 p.m.. Heavy Ammn. supply foreshadowed; A.R.P. is VECQUEMONT Dump; Much secrecy being observed. At 7 p.m. I ride forward to 10th. & 11th. B.H.Qs. and select in front of FOUILLOY a position to dump a forward supply of Ammn. pending selection of Bty. positions, but 110th. Bty. well forward, receive an echelon.  
 On leave, 2 officers & 15 other ranks. Strength 83,o/Rs surplus.  
 August 4th. Dull, no rain. DAOURS.  
 Issued last 24 hrs.:- 300BX to 10th. Bde.  
 I issue D.A.C. Order No.17 giving particulars of Ammn. to be carried & the secrecy to be observed. Attended 3rd. D.A. and was instructed to find a suitable position for Dump in rear of HAMEL in case of the Btys. moving forward after an attack. After inspection I select forked roads near 10th. Bde. Btys. South of VAIRE-sous-CORBIE. Visit 10th. & 11th. B.H.Qs. & order Ammn. supply for to-night to be 2 echelons each Section right to Bty. positions. At night, issue D.A.C. Order No.18 giving localities, Ammn. supply & foreshadowing procedure in case of a move forward in the field.  
 On leave, 2 officers & 14 other ranks. Strength 83,o/Rs surplus.  
 No. 11 Dental Unit move from FRECHENCOURT to DAOURS.  
 August 5th. DAOURS. Fine till 4 p.m. then rain.  
 Issued to 10th. Bde. 3489A, 3065AX, 600BX.  
 do 11th. Bde. Nil.  
 I issue D.A.C. Orders Nos. 19 & 20 dealing mostly with administrative matters after the attack.  
 S.A.A. Sec. moves from CAGNY to AUBIGNY.  
 Proportion of Smoke Shell for attack is increased to 40 rd. p.g & p. how.  
 4th. D.A. instructs the exchange of personnel with Btys. is postponed indefinitely. Strength 83 other ranks surplus  
 On leave 2 officers & 14 other ranks.  
 August 6th. DAOURS. Showery & dull.  
 Issued last night:- 468A, 528AX, 1000BX, 220A Smk, 278B Smk, 200BNC.  
 10 a.m. Conference with the Sectn. Cmdrs. before the C.R.A. at CORBIE & then to VAIRE selecting new W.Ls. & positions for Tech Stores & R.A.P. Issued ~~XXXX~~ D.A.C. Order No.21 dealing with procedure after Zero. 2/Lt. C.H.Stanwix transfers to 10th. Bde.: 2/Lt. H.A.Grylls & 2/Lt. C.L.Campbell, M.M. transferred from M.T.M.Btys. Strength 83 other ranks surplus.  
 On leave 2 officers & 13 other ranks.  
 August 7th. DAOURS. Fine.  
 Delivered to 10th. & 11th. Bdes. last night:-  
 2oBX, 250BNC.

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DAOURS.

August 7th. (Continued)

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I leave DAOURS for future VAIRE Dump taking O.C. Dump & some personnel to dig trenches in same, also telephone box & sign boards for erection in the Village. Also the Technical Stores and a small staff. Arrived there at 8.15 p.m. & parked wagons 50 yds. North of A.R.P. on which the 38th. Bty. had their Guns. Dug trenches under the wagons & sent the 14 animals to a bank near the river. Strength, 83 other ranks surplus.

On leave, 2 officers & 14 other ranks.

Issued to 6 p.m.: - 10th. Bde. 1292A, 988AX, 300BX

11th. Bde. 760A, 608AX.

August 8th. VAIRE.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Weather very misty from 3 a.m. till clearing about 7 a.m.: fine & hot.

12.15 a.m. Instructions from D.A., inter alia, to provide two Officers and detachments for two 15-pr. anti-tank guns to be taken over at Zero plus 4 hrs. from 3rd. Aust. D.T.M.O. HAMEL, the officer to reconnoitre positions behind final objective; aprox. 1100 yds. ahead, & move the guns up when ordered. 2/Lts. Grylls & Campbell are detailed on this.

Zero Hour 4.20 a.m.: The Barrage continues in 10th. Bde. to about Zero plus 130 minutes, when they limber up in succession & move forward, followed by the 11th. Bde.. A heavy mist obscures objects 15 yds. distant. No return fire from enemy. At Zero plus 143 minutes, 16th. R.H.A., B.A.C., passes through followed by Nos. 1 & 2 Sections, which drop their echelons, less How. rds. on A.R.P, collect rounds ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ abandoned by 10th. & 11th. Bdes. and go into new W.Ls. at VAIRE, & commence to supply to Bty, W.Ls. Howitzer echelons are taken 1000yds forward to old How. positions & rds. collected there.

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2 p.m. 60 lorries commence to arrive at A.R.P. with ammn. Personnel increased.

3 p.m. Anti-tank gun officers report their locating the gun limbers & their need for men to dig the guns out of the pits they were dropped into. 80 rds. of ammn. each.

The guns were moved forward after dark to Q 23 & 24 about 2000 yds. South of MERICOURT-sur-SOMME.

2 other ranks wounded in action & evacuated.

No. 1 Sec. transfers 1, 18-pr. A.L. Wagon to 38th. Bty. complete with equipment.

Strength, 83 other ranks surplus. On leave, 2 officers & 14 o/r

August 9th. VAIRE. Weather, fine.

Ammunition State from noon 7th. to 6 p.m. 9th. inst. Sectns. carry to B.W.Ls.: -

To 10th. Bde. 1976A, 1444AX, 300BX,

To 11th. Bde. 1360A, 1064AX, 600BX,

VAIRE Dump (stock) 4205A, 1380AX, 330BX, 152AS, 2544, 13-pr. 9 a.m. Reconnoitred past HAMEL with S.C.R.A. & M.T. Officer and selected a new A.R.P. about 3 1/2 miles forward at GAILLY, in a sunken road, recently German.

10 a.m. Led up convoy of M.T. lorries with O.C. Dump, unloaded, put up notices etc. Selected new W.Ls. close by.

3 p.m. After a visit from a D.A. officer & receiving A.3 of 9th I issue message K.V. 599 of 3.15 p.m. to Os.C. Nos. 1 & 2 Secs.

Enemy are holding K 33 central, -K 27 d 0 6 - K 21 d 0 4 - K 15 c 2 3 - K 13 d 6 8 (aaa) Move of lines & bivouacs may be postponed or kept more in rear of GAILLY (aaa) Detachments &

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			<p>VAIRE. <span style="float: right;">Page 3 of August, 1918</span></p> <p>August 9th. (continued)</p> <p>Message K.V.599 (continued) " Role of Aust. Corps is to form a strong defensive flank to the advance of the Canadians (aaa) No horses to be watered at the river forward of Q 2 central." Capt. Davey returned from leave to England. Chaplain Daimpre reports: posted him to Office Staff, temporarily left at DAOURS. All men ordered to be relieved from VECQUEMONT Dump.</p> <p>Attached to Original are reports from Lt. Hutchinson of I Sub-section &amp; from Lt. Elliston of J Sub-section, showing their delivery of ammunition &amp; hours occupied on convoy duty on the 8th. inst. Strength 83, o/Rs. surplus. 1 Officer &amp; 12 - o/Rs on leave. <span style="float: right;">(AVO)</span></p> <p>August 10th. Weather fine. VAIRE &amp; GAILLY.</p> <p>Amm. as at 11 a.m.- Sections deliver:-                      To 10th. Bde. 1558A, 874AX.                      To 11th. Bde. 532A, 380AX.                      Both VAIRE &amp; GAILLY Dumps are well supplied and stocks include A, AX, BX, AS, BNC, &amp; 13-pr.                      Return of D.A.C. personnel who left Aust. in 1914:- 2 Officers, (both married) 2 married men(1 wounded on 8th.) and 21 unmarried men. As 110th. had casualties, No.1 Section attaches to them 3 How. A.L.Ws., 12 mules, 6 drivers &amp; all equipment complete. D.A. 690, orders 12 other ranks to 10th. Bde. as <del>Bty.</del> <sup>Battle</sup> casualties.</p> <p>2.30 p.m. Instructed as to position of front line, and I issue D.A.C. Order No. 22, below, ordering move to GAILLY.</p> <p>Order No.22:-"(1) Front line midday runs K 18 b 8 0 - K 29 cen. Q 5 central-Q 12 a 0 2-R 7 d 3 0-R 13 a 8 0-R 26 d 5 4-R 17 a 8 8.</p> <p>(2) Nos.1 &amp; 2 Sections will move forward to GAILLY selected bivouacs today, using road 400 yds. North of HAMEL. Report hour of departure to C.O. who with Tech. Stores and R.A.P. will also move to vicinity of GAILLY A.R.P.</p> <p>(3) VAIRE Dump party, less 1 Bdr. &amp; 2 men of 1K will move to GAILLY A.R.P. at same time as last Section.</p> <p>(4) Gas &amp; Smoke round should be on dumps ordered by 8 p.m.. How. rounds in field will still be guarded till further orders. No rounds or personnel other than A.R.P. &amp; parties will be left in VAIRE.</p> <p>(5) Forward I.O.M. established at VILLERS-BRETTONEAU, Shop No. 53, send repairs there.</p> <p>(6) O.C. No.1 Sec. will transfer today 12 other ranks to 10th. Bde. to replace casualties. These men include drivers attached to 10th. Report names to C.O.:10th. B.H.Q. is a MORCOURT.</p> <p>(7) H.M. The King will visit Aust. Corps H.Q. 2 p.m. 12th. Aug.. 1K &amp; 2K will each detail 2 gunners or drivers to report to the Sgt. of 10th. Bde. at GAILLY A.R.P., at 11.30 a.m. 11th. Aug. to travel by lorry. Dress, " as when in the line". Hats to be carried in addition to steel helmets. These men should be well dressed. Unexpired portion of the days rations to be carried; those for 12th. being delivered at COISY. Party will rejoin here 12th. inst. about 9 p.m.</p> <p>(8) 1K will detail 2 G.S.W. &amp; 2K, 1 G.S.W. to be at GAILLY, <del>XXXXX</del> A.R.P. at 8 p.m. to draw 200 T M G. to 7th. Bty. Inquiries should be made first as to arrival of TMG. Wagons should wait outside dump before going in as the road is narrow.</p> <p>(9) Section telephonists will be responsible in future for running wires from their Sec. to K.H.Q. exchange or Dump as required. K.H.Q. telephonists will distribute the boxes. Wires may be reeled in just before the Sec. moves &amp; time should not be lost on arrival.</p> <p>(10) 2K will cancel duty of carrying water to VAIRE A.R.P. on 11th. inst. but will deliver to GAILLY A.R.P.. 1K &amp; 2K then on alternate days."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AV Verum Lt Col</p>	

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			August 10th. (continued):- After dark I reconnoitre approaches to CERISY bridges.	
			11.10 p.m. Orders that D.A.C. will not move across the river tonight. Wounded in action, 2, o/Rs. Strength, 81, o/Rs. surplus. On leave, 1 officer & 17 other ranks.	
			August 11th. CHIPILLY. Weather fine & hot.	
			<del>xxxxxxx</del> Issued to 10th. 950A, 494AX, 300BX.	
			do 11th. - 148BX.	
			At 10.30 a.m. S.C.R.A. calls at A.R.P. (which is on the telephone) and I receive instructions to move D.A.C. & A.R.P. to valley to the West of CHIPILLY.	
			I issue message K.V.610, extracts herewith:- "Information received front line is West of BRAY-PROYART.(aaa) New A.R.P. at CHIPILLY, K 34 c 4 0, Sections will move at noon in order, No. 2 & No.1 using CERISY Bridge.(aaa) New W.Ls. West of CHIPILLY near river.(aaa) C.O. & Tech. Stores at A.R.P."	
			On arrival I find valley in use by 10th. & 11th. Bdes. in action but ammn. convoy arrives by roads N of SOMME and is unloaded at a quarry. A line of captured enemy 4.2 guns situated in MALARD WOOD were inspected and assistance was given to D.T.M.O. in turning them round and firing them on line North East of BRAY. Range 11,200.	
			Several unburied dead on road & fields near A.R.P. & bivouacs. Driver Bertelsen to Queensland on transport duty, married with wife in Australia & embarked 1914. Despatched 4 gnrs. & dvrs. to King's Inspection at COISY for to-morrow.	
			E.A. in evening drop bombs in vicinity of bivouacs.	
			S.A.A. Sec. moved complete to VAUX-sur-SOMME & carted 20 wagon loads of Ammn. for U.S.A. Troops. as well as their own Top.	
			Strength 81, o/Rs surplus. On leave, 1 officer & 21, o/Rs.	
			August 12th. CHIPILLY. Weather, fine.	
			D.A.C. Hqrs. Office, Horsemaster, P.O., Pay Sgt., etc. move up from DAOURS to MALARD WOOD, near river, leaving a small bulk stores at DAOURS. No.11 Dental Unit move from DAOURS to VAIRE. Collected samples of .77, 4.2", and 5.9" shells and charges, of different classes & sent them back to D.A.H.Q. at CORBIE for instructional purposes with the guns that the 10th. Bde. sent back.	
			Lt. Hutchinson ordered to be transferred from S.A.A. Section to 110th. Bty.: owing to two officers still being in field with Anti-tank gun detachments, <del>ix</del> I am not able to replace an officer in his sub-section, and am daily expecting Lt. Dickinson from Base.	
			4 p.m. A 43, from D.A. informs me of LAISON Force, & I warn all units for a possible move.	
			11 p.m. Received A 52, instructing move into action on 13th inst. in LIHONS Area. I issue orders to pass A.R.P. at 4.15 a.m., 13th. inst. & march via CHIPILLY-CERISY-to GAILLY.	
			E.A. drops bombs vicinity bivouacs.	
			Ammn. State of 12th.:-	
			Issued to 10th. Bde. 228A, 152AX, 200BX.	
			do 11th. Bde. 512A, 400AX.	
			Strength 71 other ranks surplus.	
			On leave 1 officer & 24 other ranks.	
			August 13th. GAILLY. Weather, fine & hot.	
			Ammn. State of 13th. Issued to 10th. Bde.:- 456A, 76AX, 100BX.	
			Arrived at 6 a.m.; bivouaced near the river; 10th. & 11th. Bdes. else by; no A.R.P. taken over.	
			Noon. Recd. B.M.10 instructing relief of 1st. D.A.C. at GUILLAUCOURT & I issue preliminary order at 1.15 p.m., giving new Div. Bdys. and locations etc.	
			4. p.m. I recd. B.M.11, instructing D.A.C. to pass North of GAILLY at 8 p.m., & we move in one column across fields, avoiding some shells falling into BAYONVILLERS, arriving near 1st. D.A.C. at GUILLAUCOURT about 9 p.m.	
			No.2 Section delivers to B.W.Ls. on arrival.	
			Strength, 73 other ranks surplus.	
			On leave, 1 officer & 28 other ranks.	

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	<p>14th August. GUILLAUCOURT. Fine, hot, very dusty.                      Issued to 10th Bde. Nil                      " 11th Bde. 1208 A, 1162 AX, 600 AX.                      Strength, 73 O.Rs Surplus. Horses Riding, 5 def; L.Ds 8 def.                      On leave, 1 Officer &amp; 28 O.Rs.                      9.50 am. Received Order No 180 &amp; Instructions, &amp; I issue D.A.C. Order No 23, with tracing of objectives for night of 14/15th. I &amp; J Sub-Secs under Lt Elliston move from VAUX to CAYEUX en SANTERRE. A/63 &amp; A/65 amend date of attack &amp; taking over of A.R.P. to 16th &amp; 15th respectively.                      No 2 Sec. moved camp near GUILLAUCOURT on account of shell fire.                      2/Lt Godebye returned from Veterinary &amp; Horse Management School.</p>			
	<p>15th August. GUILLAUCOURT. Fine, hot, dusty.                      Issued to 10th Bde. 4886 A, 1866 AX, 1200 BX, 376 A.SmK.                      " 11th Bde. 1972 A, 1664 AX, 1016 BX, 1100 A.SmK.                      Total number of shells carried by D.A.C., 14080.                      Strength, 68 O.Rs Surplus. On leave, 1 Officer &amp; 31 O.Rs.                      Horses Riding, 6 def; L.Ds 10 def.                      I ride to ROSIERES en SANTERRE and confer with Bde Cmdrs re ammn supply &amp; normal procedure when on the move. Three derelict tanks (small) &amp; a few aeroplanes between the villages. Much German ammn &amp; engineering material at ROSIERES. Country open without trenches, crops mostly removed.                      Relief of 1st Aust. Div. by the 4th continues. I issue D.A.C. Order No 24. 2/Lt Grylls, i/c one of the anti-tank guns was thrown from his horse &amp; evacuated.                      Lt Elliston transferred to 10th Bde. Lt Gaunt from M.T.M. to D.A.C. 6 pm: Lt Mein takes over A.R.P. at GUILLAUCOURT.                      E.A. bomb close to all D.A.C. bivouacs.</p>			
	<p>16th August. GUILLAUCOURT. Fine, hot, dusty.                      Issued to 10th Bde. 152 A, 48 A.SmK, 1200 BX.                      " 11th Bde. 384 A, 80 AX, 150 BX, 330 B.SmK.                      Strength, 60 O.Rs Surplus. On leave, 1 Officer &amp; 31 O.Rs.                      Horses Riding, 6 def; L.Ds def. 10.                      Shells &amp; bombs drop near Hqrs in early morning.                      1 pm. GUILLAUCOURT is shelled by H.V. Casualties; 1 O.R. killed 1 N.C.O., 4 O.Rs wounded; 2 returned to duty: 14 mules killed or destroyed &amp; 22 mules wounded. No 1 Sec. moves to South of WIENCOURT-1'Eqipee: No 2 Sec. to north of CAIX.                      6.30 pm. I ride to East of CAIX and at 8 pm report on the cross-roads, E 5 a 0 2, suitable for a new A.R.P. with lorry routes to it and some trees for cover: this would place A.R.P. in centre of Divisional Sector, and the Sectns could each be under half a mile from water for their animals. 4th D.A. orders replacement of battle casualties to be increased to 80, the men to be sent forward on arrival of next batch of reinfts.</p>			
	<p>17th August. GUILLAUCOURT. Cloudy, cool wind.                      Issued to Bdes. Nil.                      Strength, 55 O.Rs Surplus. On leave, 1 Officer &amp; 32 O.Rs.                      Horses Riding, 6 def; L.Ds 25 def.                      9 am. 2/Lt Campbell &amp; the 2 anti-tank gun detachments are relieved in the Northern Sector &amp; returned to their Sections. Capt Davey, O.C. No 1 Sec, reports, "I wish to bring under your notice the excellent work done by Cpl F.P. Williams when the camp was being shelled yesterday: at great personal risk he cut the mule lines and himself got between 30 &amp; 40 animals clear of danger, displaying magnificent coolness and courage in this and in giving directions: as a result many animals were saved. Cpl S.V. Trebilco and A/Br J. Laver also did good work!"                      58 O.Rs arrived from Base, mostly new reinfts. Outward reinfts today; to 10th Bde, 56; 11th Bde, 26, M.T.M. Btys, 2. The new men appear of good stamp, practically all trained gunners. All Smoke ammn to be withdrawn from Field to A.R.P. Policy of 4th Div. Arty; vigorous offensive, minimum of 200 rds p.g., per How, for 24 hours to be expended.</p>			

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	17th	Aug.	(continued) Orders are received to organise detached Units of teams & limbers under an Officer to withdraw back to the Gun Salvage Depot at FOUILLOY German heavy & field guns, machine guns & Minenwerfers. Orders to Sections attached show areas & numbers of guns.															
	18th	Aug.	GUILLAUCOURT. Dull, cool wind. Issued, 76 AX, to 10th Bde. Strength, 35 O.Rs surplus. 6 Horses Riding & 37 L.Ds deficient. On leave, 1 Offr & 37 ORs. About 3 pm an explosion took place in village: on going to see the cause I found a German shell dump about 400 yds west of Headquarters, & the R.S.M. & S/Sergeant & small party approaching with shovels to extinguish a fire on it. They had to leave owing to a shell red with heat: I at once posted on road a pointsman & diverted the traffic, the shell bursting & apparently doing no damage: when the fire was out the guard was withdrawn. No 11 Dental Unit arrived from VILLERS-BRETONNEAUX. R.A.P. is moved near CAIX, close to No 2 Section.															
	19th	Aug.	GUILLAUCOURT. Dull, cool, dusty. Ammn issued:- Nil. Strength, 36 O.Rs surplus; 6 Rides & 44 L.Ds deficient. On leave, 1 Officer & 35 O.Rs. Capt. Tilling, A.A.M.C. R.M.O., proceeds on English leave & Capt. Holland H.H. of 4th Field Amblce reports on relief. Several shells fall close to house during this 24 hours. Ordered clearing heavy stores still at DAOURS into the Sections. Provided an N.C.O. (Cpl Knapman) permanently detached with Div. Salvage Coy to replace the one sent on transport duty. Table of all ranks reinforcing :- <table border="0" style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>Outward reinfts to 10th Bde since arrival in France.</td><td>992</td></tr> <tr><td>" " 11th Bde</td><td>935</td></tr> <tr><td>" " H &amp; M.T.Ms</td><td>359</td></tr> <tr><td>" " other Units, evac, K, etc</td><td>1189</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td><u>3475</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Inward reinforcements since arrival in France</td><td>3294</td></tr> <tr><td>Differance due to Establishment changes etc.</td><td><u>181</u></td></tr> </table>	Outward reinfts to 10th Bde since arrival in France.	992	" " 11th Bde	935	" " H & M.T.Ms	359	" " other Units, evac, K, etc	1189		<u>3475</u>	Inward reinforcements since arrival in France	3294	Differance due to Establishment changes etc.	<u>181</u>	
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	20th	Aug.	GUILLAUCOURT. Dull, cool, dusty. Issued 380 A, 76 AX, to 11th Bde. Strength, 38 O.Rs surplus. On leave, R.M.O., 1 Officer, 38 O.Rs. Ordered to salve between 23/24000 rds of 18 pr & 4.5", brought up near front line (F 11, F 17) by Canadian F.A. (orders to Sections attached). Rounds to be taken to a dump opened in CAIX under an Officer of 3rd (Army) Bde, A.F.A. Shrapnel falls touching house about 5 times. "K" Subsection of the S.A.A. Section, following 13th Inf Bde moves from VAUX to CAYEUX.															
	21st	Aug.	GUILLAUCOURT. Temp, 92 degrees, dusty. Ammn issued, Nil. Strength, 35 O.Rs surplus. Issued D.A.C. Order No 25 (attached). Noon: H.E. falls round, occasionally hitting house: the cellars & trenches afford good cover.															
	22nd	Aug.	GUILLAUCOURT. Temp, 95 at noon, 92 at 6 pm, 78 at 10 pm. Shells, last midnight & at 3 am. Issued, 94 A to 10th Bde. Strength, 34 O.Rs surplus: 5 Rides & 42 L.Ds deficient. On leave, 1 Officer, 44 O.Rs. Lt F.Dickenson from Base.															
	23rd	Aug.	GUILLAUCOURT. Temp, 86 degrees at noon, very dusty. Shells fall near house at various periods last night & during day. Strength, 37 O.Rs surplus. Issued, 152 A, 400 ASmoke, 250 BX, 70 BSmoke. Orders received, D.A.C. would be relieved by 32nd D.A.C. night 24/25th. Some bombs & shells close by house during night. "I" Subsection of S.A.A. Section moves from CAYEUX to RIVERY.															

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	24th Aug.		<p>GUILLAUCOURT. Cool, dull. Issued 476 A, 332 AX, to 10th Bde. Strength, 26 O.Rs surplus. On leave, 1 Officer, 49 O.Rs. I issue D.A.C. Orders No 26 &amp; No 27 (attached). Billetting officer &amp; parties leave for LONGUEAU area. Capt. D.E.Aikins goes temporarily to 43rd Bty &amp; Lt McKeown is placed as O.C. No 2 Section. A new forward A.R.P. is established by Lt Mein, Dump Officer, south of HARBONNIERES. O.C. S.A.A. Section &amp; "K" Subsection move from CAYEUX to RIVERY. Ammn salvage proceeds during night, 1 QR. being wounded by shell fire &amp; 1 by bombs. Two bombs fall at Headquarters wounding 1 O.R. (on picket duty). No 416 Dr Lye L.A. (emb 1914) at once rides out though E.A. are active &amp; in <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> hour arrives with Amb. lorry: wounded man dies on 25th. (Total casualties, 3).</p>	
	25th Aug.		<p>CORBIE. Fine, temperate. Ammn issued, Nil. Strength increased by 60 O.Rs, making D.A.C. establishment with A.I.F. adjustments, 18 Officers &amp; 630 O.Rs., including R.M.O. &amp; the attached A.V.D. &amp; Pay Sergeants. Strength today, 34 O.Rs short. On leave, 1 Officer, 48 O.Rs. 8 am. Divisional, D.A.C., &amp; dump relief. 2.30 pm. D.A.C., less S.A.A. Section, moves, concentrates in the open fields south of WARFUSEE-ABANCOURT &amp; marches via FOUILLOY &amp; river flats, <math>\frac{1}{2}</math> mile north of CORBIE on the ANCRE River &amp; bivouacs. Rain at night. "J" Subsection of S.A.A. Section moves from CAYEUX to RIVERY.</p>	
	26th Aug.		<p>LONGUEAU. Fine, no dust. On leave, 1 Officer, 56 O.Rs. 9 am. Marched in rear of 10th &amp; 11th Bdes through FOUILLOY-AUBIGNY-VECQUEMONT-CAMON to bivouacs near River Somme, north of LONGUEAU.</p>	
	27th Aug.		<p>LONGUEAU. Dull, cool, On leave, 1 Officer, 54 O.Rs. Cleaning &amp; checking harness, wagons &amp; other equipment. Capt F.E.Christianson, Dental Officer arrives from Base to relieve O.C. No 11 Dental Unit, attached.</p>	
	28th Aug.		<p>LONGUEAU. On leave, 1 Officer, 52 O.Rs. Inspections of harness, vehicles &amp; clothing: these are not unduly affected by the work in the line, &amp; generally are in good state. Horses and mules are well &amp; in excellent condition: galls or sores confined to 3 or 4 cases.</p>	
	29th Aug.		<p>LONGUEAU. On leave, 1 Officer, 55 O.Rs. L.M.G. classes; map-reading refresher course, all N.C.Os; driving &amp; saluting mounted parades. Capt. Heatley, Dental Officer to England.</p>	
	30th Aug.		<p>LONGUEAU. On leave, 1 Officer, 51 O.Rs. Inspections and training.</p>	
	31st Aug.		<p>LONGUEAU. Strength, 44 short. On leave, 54 O.Rs. 2/Lieut L.M.McLean returns from leave. Field manoeuvres in open fields near LONGUEAU-GLISY, in preparation of possible open country warfare or movement. Notes for Guidance of Parade &amp; Os.C. Sections, attached. General discipline during the month, excellent, only some 4 or 5 cases coming before C.O. Morale, good. Practically all 1914 men apply for transport duty, 1 being sent to Australia &amp; 1 to R.B.A.A. for 6 months duty (wife in England). Remaining in D.A.C.: - 4 Officers (3 married), 23 O.Rs, only 1 being married, and the wife is in ENGLAND. 4 or 5 pressing cases of domestic or civil troubles, but the applications are not to be submitted by me till 1914 men have gone. (Cases include; illegal seizure of farm property &amp; unfaithful wife).</p>	

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- 1) D.A.C. (Field) Orders Nos 16 - 27 inclusive amplifying the Diary.
- 2) DAC Itinerary in France from arrival in June 1916 to August 8<sup>th</sup> 1918 - shown by lists of the units & the villages they were billeted near, or in
- 3) A few reports & orders received relative 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of August during the Advance.
- 4) My orders re Salvage of guns (German) & ammunition British, F.A.

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4th. Aust. D.A.C. ORDER No.16 : 2.8.18  
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- (1) On 30th. ult. S.A.A. Section moved to S 4 d 2 6, complete with 1 Officer per sub-section.
- (2) QUARRY DUMP, FRECHENCOURT, was taken over by 18th. D.A.C. on 1.8.18 and personnel relieved.
- (3) 4th. Aust. Div. Arty. is under cmd. of C.R.A. 3rd. Aust. Div., 'B' Divisional Sector. 11th. Bde. is Mobile Reserve.
- (4) (a) CAMP Area allotted by 3rd. D.A. :- Nos.1 & 2 Sections; Horselines, O 1 a 0 5 : R.A.P. & Billets in Lemaire & Dillies Woollen Mills, O 1 a 4 5.: Headquarters billets at back of No.1 & included in O.C. No.1 inspection ~~XXXX~~ & disciplinary area, (N.B. another area may be found). C.O. & K.H.Q. office, No.18 DAOURS, N 6 d 7 4. No.11 Dental Unit probably in same building. The Clerks of Nos. 1 & 2 will be together in East block, & wire will be run from K.H.Q. on day of move.
  - (b) Machinery & workshops of Mills are being salvaged, & it is to be made known that anyone interfering with the machines, or ~~XXXX~~ the laying of parts will be punished: in fact we should endeavour to assist the salvaging of these valuable machines & not hinder the work.
  - (c) All advantage must be taken of cover for horselines, & wagon parks Trees to be protected & their cover used.
- (5) 10th. Bde. new wagon lines            O 1 and N 18  
       11th. do do do do                    N 16, 17, & 11  
       3rd. D.A.H.Q. BUSSY les DAOURS  
       A.R.P.                    VECQUEMONT DUMP.

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4th. A. D. A. C. ORDER No.17 : 3.8.18.

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Following 3rd. D.A. Adm. Instr. No.1.

- (1) Maximum amount of Ammn. at Battery positions must not exceed:-  
 600 rds. per gun of 18pr.: 500 per howitzer of 4.5"  
 Establishments at forward Bty. positions on Y/Z nights:-  

		TOTAL	
600 rds.	<del>per</del> 18 pr. p.g.	21600	To be dumped by the 3rd. night from 3.8.18; D.A.C. <sup>probably</sup> to carry 1/3 of loose rounds to Bty. positions & all boxed.
10 "	A Smk. p.g.	360	
300 "	4.5" per How.	3600	
250 "	gas " "	3000	
10 "	B Smk. " "	120	
- (2) To avoid congestion at A.R.P., Dump Officer will be notified during the day as to quantity and hour of ~~re~~ refilling, by Adj. & times adhered to by Sections.  
 Proportion of 18pr. = 50% A & A X. Echelons to be kept full at all times except when in compliance with above.  
 G.S. Wagons may be used for carting boxed to W.Ls.
- (3) A.R.P. for 10th. & 11th. Bdes. & 4th. A.D.A.C. at VECQUEMONT.
- (4) All ammunition carting must be done during hours of darkness. All to be placed, & thought out with view of secrecy. Dumps to be small & scattered & camouflaged by natural means (use trees, banks, turf or hay.)
- (5) Ammunition States will be due at K.H.Q. at 11 a.m. daily showing rds. on hand, rds. placed in forward positions & any other usual information: receipts if any to be attached (probably unobtainable).
- (6) D.A.C. ORDER No.16 para 4 (c) to be insisted on.
- (7) Noise at the front is to be strictly avoided: convoys to use unmetaled roads where possible: no smoking or lights forward of VAIRE.
- (8) Ammunition carriers to be carried on perches in case of packing being necessary.
- (9) Bty. positions roughly are line P 9 a to J 33 c : no guns there yet.
- (10) Great care to be taken that all movement in the Forward Area is completed before daylight.
- (11) Section Commanders will please impress on their N.C.Os. & men the necessity of absolute secrecy regarding their work in this Sector.
- (12) Night 3/4th. 1K use road AUBIGNY-FOULLOY-HAMELET-VAIRE; leaving with full echelon at midnight.  
 11th. Bde instructions not yet to hand.

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

*25  
75 BNC  
108 A Smk  
20 B Smk*

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4th. Aust. Div. Ammn. Column.

H.Q., 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN.
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No. <i>K 24/7</i>
Date 4.8.18

3rd. Aust. D. A.

Selection of forward A.R.P., 4th. Aust. D.A.C.

General line of 10th. & 11th. Bde. 18-pr. Btys :-  
P 7 b -- J 32 d.

I have inspected the roads in these localities in company with O.C. 3rd. D. A. C., and recommend my A.R.P. be kept well on left flank, viz :-

(a) For collection of rounds from gunpits : in the triangle J 32 c 8 5 - J 32 d 1 2 - J 32 d 2 5. This will permit of carrying forward by the VAIRE-HAMEL Road and the VAIRE - BOUZENCOURT 3rd. class road, both of which are now being repaired.

Lt. Mein will be O.C., A.R.P.

(b) For supply per M.T. : At same spot or further forward at P 3 a 2 1 on North side of road. This will be on a lorry route with main road leading forward and will be clear of 3rd. D.A.C. Dump for Lorry turning.

I further suggest that the VAIRE - HAMEL road be the division between 3rd. & 4th. D.A.Cs. South & North respectively, exclusive of HAMEL.

Boxed ammunition, if any, taken up to-night will be placed in a selected building in VAIRE, & delivered to-morrow night.

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4th. A.D.A.C. Order No. 18 of 4.8.18.

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1. 10th. Bde. 18-prs.: positions will be :-
 

37	P 2 b 2 9
38	J 32 d 0 3
39	J 32 c 8 0
41	P 1 d 8 4 (2) n d 8.1
42	P 7 b 3 8
43	P 1 d 8 1
  - 11th. " " " "
 

110	J 34 c 3 2
111	J 34 c 2 7
  - How. Btys. positions will be :-
  2. The whole ammn. must be in these positions night 5/6th.
  3. So as not to require guides tomorrow and 2nd. trip to-night, Sub-sections will as far as possible deliver :-
    - 'A' to 37; 'B' to 38; 'C' to 39; 'D' to 110th.; 'E' to 41;
    - 'F' to 42; 'G' to 43; 'H' to 111th.

The sub-section N.C.Os. going up to-night recollection roads, tracks and gun positions.

'D' Sub. will have <sup>no</sup> guide to-night.

These sub-sections will also endeavour for the next few days, to have knowledge of movements, roads, positions, and stock of ammn. in these B.W.Ls. and Btys: - this should be part of the work of the Sergt. in charge sub-section, who will however, remain as a rule with his sub-sec.
  4. The Bty. Commanders require that no new roads or tracks be made through corn or where they will show.
  5. 10th. B.H.Q. is at large Hospital on left before entering FUILLOY; 11th. is about 3rd. house in FOUILLOY entering at back. 4th. Aust. D.A.Hq. is now at I 35 c 63 (CORBIE)
  6. Supply for to-night 4/5th. :-
    - (a) Two (2) full echelons to each Bty. position of 18-pr. and 4.5" but one (1) to 110th.
    - (b) In addition one third the boxed rounds viz :- per section 50 A Smoke, 500 Gas, 20 B Smoke to go forward to-night, one third during daylight on 5th., & one third night 5th/6th. All boxed ammn. will be kept separate in G S Wagons from the loose and be taken to VAIRE village, with a guard of, say one man per Section, who will each select unoccupied buildings or roofs, and stack from view till required night 5th/6th. It would be advisable to send completely filled wagons, thus saving in the end for other requirements.
    - (c) Guides for 37, 38, & 39 will report to K.H.Q. at about 10 p.m.: A 1K messenger will call there and take them to 1K Convoy Officer; Guides for 42 and 111th. will report between 11 & 11.30 ~~am~~ p.m. at K.H.Q.: a 2K messenger will report at K.H.Q. at 10.30 p.m. (or earlier) to take them when they arrive to 2K Convoy Officer. The guide for 43rd., Lt. Hester, will direct 'G' Sub. himself, reporting to O.C. 2K about 11.15 p.m.: guide for 41st. Lieut. Hely, will call at orchard, O 11 a 4 3 at 11 p.m. where he will pick up 'E' Sub. which will leave camp at 10 p.m.
    - (d) Each A.W.L will have 1 Gr. for unloading.
    - (e) 1K will leave not later than 11.45 p.m.: 2K not later than mid-night. Either may leave after 9.30 p.m. should their guides be complete. An officer will accompany each Section: 1K will see to 18-pr. Btys. and VAIRE boxed Dump, 2K will leave his convoy to sub-sec. N.C.Os. at HAMELET and see to VAIRE boxed Dump. Pick and Shovel should be ready on each A.L.W. in case of shell holes. All A.L.Ws. (except 'D' Sub.) when unloaded return to orchard O 11 a 4 3, approaching same from South and collect the 2nd. Echelon dumped there last night, and deliver without the Bty. guides to the Gun positions. This must be completed and A.L.Ws. away before daylight.
  7. Supply for 5th. inst.:- A second one-third, or 8 wagons per Section of boxed rounds to VAIRE. These wagons should approach VAIRE in daylight in ones or twos. Refill at A R P for night supply of one complete echelon and the third portion of boxed which will then be taken to guns and the G.S.Wagons utilised for carting first two portions from VAIRE boxed Dump.

8. To perform the large and difficult task allotted, it is necessary that the N.C.Os. be taken into full confidence of these orders, by the O.C. writing Section Orders to suit the duties of each: thus an intelligent conception of the sequence of each wagons use can be arrived at and mistakes avoided. The men should be told the work will be long and arduous, but if successful, they will be proud of it.

Rations and cover will at times be difficult to provide, but this must be attended to carefully by Q.M.S working closely with O.C.

9. It is most probable the following events will occur on night 5th/6th. and after, and parties should be immediately listed, kits, rations, and how they will travel be ordered etc.

(a) After dark, C.O. & Ammn. Clerk will take up a position in South edge of VAIRE, messages to Church or as ordered: 1K & 2K will each detail a messenger to accompany him, preferably a bicycle.

(b) The A.L.Ws and G.S.Ws. will arrive with their loads and after all rounds have gone to batteries, will take up a forward W.L., say between HAMELET & VAIRE, rest and feed.

Os. C Section and staff will accompany these, ready for mobile work after detailing personnel to remain in present camp to guard heavy stores, farriery etc.: these can be brought up later.

(c) The batteries will move forward.

(d) Lt. Mein will at once become A.R.P. Officer, and open Dump at spot about J 32 c 9 4: personnel will be A/Sgt. Moir, clerk, batman & 2K telephonist: A/Sgt. Moir will be withdrawn from VECQ. Dump during evening by 2K. Further instructions re other personnel there. In addition the following will be ready to report to Lieut. Mein by daylight:-

2 N.C.Os. of 1K and 10 men, 1 N.C.O. of 2K and 10 men; more may be required later.

(e) After move of btys. the A.L.Ws. will possibly return to VECQUEMONT-MONT Dump for a full echelon, and dump it at VAIRE; if not, will at once collect the ammn. of 10th. & 11th. Bdes. left behind, and stack on VAIRE Dump.

(f) System of supply will be, B.W.Ls. will cart from VAIRE Dump to guns while D.A.C. collects rounds to Dump.

(g) M.O. will establish R.A.P. vicinity HAMELET.

(h) Tech. Store wagons of 1K, 2K & KHQ i/c Br. Hutchinson will concentrate at VAIRE.

(i) Os. C., A R P, Tech Stores, R A P etc. must all have notice boards erected in prominent places.

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

4th. A.D.A.C. ORDER No.19 : 5.8.18

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- (1) It is possible after move forward of Btys. (Order 18, para 9 c) D.A.C. may be required to cart direct to guns. Full bandoliers of ammunition to be carried & rifle ready for immediate use. All ranks issued with pistols to wear them, & carry ammunition. It is also to be recollected there may be large bodies of prisoners without guards,
- (2) Lewis M.Guns, ammn. & crews will be required at the new forward wagon lines by morning of 6th.
- (3) Bicycles to be overhauled & oiled on 5th. inst., each on definite charge of an individual.
- (4) The necessity of secrecy & silence & no smoking forward before zero hour is to be again impressed on all ranks.
- (5) The following extracts from an order ~~by~~ issued by Ludendorff show that, largely owing to bad Staff work, the enemy has experienced difficulty in his ammunition supply during recent offensives.

23.6.18

" During recent fighting, Divisional artillery units have arrived on the field of battle without ammunition. One Division, which was withdrawn from a quiet front to be employed in the battle, was ordered by the superior authority to leave it's ammunition behind in the old positions, and marched off with empty limbers and ammunition wagons. Orders should have been adapted to the changed conditions. Commanders and troops must go into the battle absolutely certain that the ammunition supply will not break down."

(Signed) Ludendorff.

- (6) Gas shell is now to be 250 per How. Bty. (cancels Order 17 para 1 Gas) All carried by D.A.C. & the remainder obtained through orders of the Adjt.
- (7) BX rds. are to be increased at guns by morning of 6th. from 300 rds. per How. to 500 i.e. 1000 per Section, or as ordered by the Bty.
- (8) (4th. D.A. S C/143) 1K & 2K will each detail 1 G.S.Wagon to report to each B.W.L. of it's Bde. at 8 a.m. 6th. inst. Midday feeds to be carried. They will return to D.A.C. at end of day. Bde. Adjts are asked to arrange that guides or information is given early to D.A.C. as to position of B.W.Ls.
- (9) Approx. position of each new Section W.L. should be clearly communicated to all ranks & K.H.Q. by 6 p.m. today.

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



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4th. AUST. D.A.C. ORDER No.20: 5.8.18

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1. Ref.: - Collection of How. rds. left by 110 & 111th. As a rule ammn. should not be carried back. A 1K party of 2 or 3 o/rs. should take over area of 110th. gunpits after move forward of Btys. & ~~XXXXXX~~ a 2K similar of 111th., with a view of guarding awaiting collection: stacks to be straightened and camouflaged. B.W.L. are informed they can refill there at first. New supplies will go to VAIRE A.R.P.
2. Note for detailing of 18-pr. & 4.5" dump & collecting parties, Sections may not be sent forward till after ~~after~~ hour requiring these.
3. A & B Smoke are now altered to 40 rds. per gun & how.. Btys. may be drawing on proportion of this.
4. Echelons moving forward to be 75% A to 25% AX.
5. VAIRE Dump will not issue to anyone but 10th. & 11th. Bdes & 16th. R.H.A. (13-pr)
6. S.A.A. Section moved 5th. inst. to O 3 c 2 8, AUBIGNY with dump 1000x in front.
7. DRESSING STATIONS & MEDICAL. :-  
 Walking wounded 'Y Z' day:-  
 A.D.S. O 15 a 5 7  
 M.D.S. N 4 c 9 2 & les ALENCONS.  
 - After capture green line & red line :- FOUILLOY HOSPICE.  
 - Stretcher dump at P 3 c 2 8.
8. SUPPLIES. (a) Refilling point 'Z' day: H 25 b 7 7. Units will send guides between 2 & 5 p.m. 'Z' day unless other arrangements are made by A.S.C.  
 (b) On 'Z' day Units will carry the unexpended portion of the days rations plus 24 hours. Iron rations are ordered for the Div. Arty. to be carried on the man, but this may not effect this unit at first.  
 (c) Indents for rum will be submitted for approval by Divisional Cmdr. (Auth. 3rd. A.D.A. 31/466)  
 (d) Chloride of lime may be had at O 5 d 2 7.
9. WATER. (a) No.2 Sectn. will fit one G.S.Wagon with a 300 gal. tank, & strike ammn. off echelon for this. Further particulars re source & duty.  
 (b) Forward water points, O 15 d 6 8 : O 8 d 0 5 : & O 17 a 0 8. (not yet complete). C.R.E. is opening wells with Tunnellers during advance. NOTE their signs, "UNFIT for USE" or "FIT, use..... scoops". NOTE that water from the peat lagoons is 55% purer than the river, but none should be drunk unboiled.
10. 3rd. Div. Salvage Dump; HAMELET.  
 (3rd.Div) Mobile Vet. Sectn; BUSSY.  
 Vet. First Aid Post; FOUILLOY.
11. ROADS. M.T. will have use of main road FOUILLOY-HAMELET-VAIRE-HAMEL-CERISY & a parallel Horse T. track will be used by D.A.C., Wagons should not use roads marked "M.T." on 12" sq. boards, but those marked "H.T" on triangular board.
12. Baggage wagons will remain normally with the ~~surplus~~ surplus stores dump, which must be reduced to suit the field necessity, or extras will be returned out en route.
13. System of ammunition supply during Artillery advance will be issued by 4th. S.C.R.A.
14. Exchange of personnel with batteries ~~ix~~ for 8th. is postponed indefinitely.

H.V. Venn Lt. Col.

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

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4th. A.D.A.C. ORDER No. 21 : 6.8.18

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xxx Following 4th. D.A.No.178 & Ad. Instr. No.40 &41 which are issued to Nos. 1 & 2 Sections.

1. To support capture of green line 16th.R.H.A., 10th, & 11th. Bdes. will advance at zero + 143 minutes.  
At Zero plus 4 hours 4th. Div. Inf. will advance from green line to red & blue. At this hour C.R.A. 4th. Div. takes command of above Arty, also 128th. H.A. (4, 60-prs) & the 3rd, 7th, & 8th. A.F.A.Bdes.
2. On occupation of final Arty. Line, Groups will be :-
 

RIGHT	LEFT	SUPERIMPOSED
16th. R H A	10th. A F A Bde.	11th. A F A Bde.
7th. A F A bde.	8th. A F A Bde.	3rd. A F A Bde.
3. LOCATIONS. :- 4th. D A Hq. forward report centre P 9 a 5 5  
10th. B Hq. VAIRE - 11th B Hq.  
B W Ls. 37th. P 11, 38th. P 11, 39th. P 11, 110th. P 11  
B W Ls. 41st. 42nd. 43rd. 111th.  
B W Ls. 1K J 32 b 6 1, 2K J 32 d 49,  
A R P J 32 c 8 3, K Tech Stores - 50 yds. N of same.  
'D' & 'H' Subs temporarily at 110th. & 111th. stacks.  
One R A P VAIRE, 1st. house on entering.  
4th. D A C, R A P J 34 c 9 9 or close by / K H Q office  
DAOURS, 4th. Vet. 1st. Aid Sectn, FOUILLOY
4. March in :- At zero plus 143 minutes 16th. R H A, B A C unload echelon on Dump. 1K will arrive next: order of march :- 'D' Sub., which will halt under cover ~~xxx~~ near A R P - The commander will reconnoitre 110th. position and if 300 rounds or more are left, will take Sub. there, rest and await orders; if less, will report to C.O. and rest at 1K camp dropping personnel as per order No. 20 para 1. 'A' & 'C' Subs. will follow immediately dropping their echelons on A R P. 'B' Sub. will drive with echelon straight to 1K camp and collect by hand or one (1) wagon. Subs. should collect from their own btys. unless unavoidable.
5. G S Ws will follow & go straight to 1K camp, unless the collection of 'A' & 'C' abandoned rounds is done by G S, in lieu of A L W & boxes dumped at A R P temporarily to save unloading A L Ws, but if this is done the G S Ws must arrive at A R P before A L Ws, at zero plus 160 minutes.  
2K will follow in order of march :- 'H' Sub. with procedure as 'D' Sub, reporting to C O: 'E', 'F' & 'G' Subs. will then unload at A R P, collect rounds at 41, 42 & 43: G S W remarks apply also to 2K.  
At completion of this collection echelons must be full, and 3 (three) A L Ws of A to 3 (three) of AX, or no more ~~xx~~ than 4 of A to 2 of AX, ready to proceed after rest to refill B W Ls. The second orderly will be retained with Section after collection, and guarding of stacks. Collection must be hurried on account of E A: but on account of shelling, 2 animals per wagon might suffice.  
R M O will follow rear of 2K and establish R A P. 1 & 2K will each be allotted one of the Wat. Det. Staff. Driver & mules will be on 2K lines.
5. A R P will be opened at zero plus 143 minutes. It would be advisable for O C Dump to arrange for small trenches to be dug before zero, by an advance party of personnel. No horses or wagons to be brought up before opening hour. To 1K's personnel (Order No. 20, para 1) add one cook, total 12. Both Sections to provide their men with their proportion of cooking utensils and shelter. Personnel to arrive by the leading wagons of their Sections at latest.
6. Ammn. states will be made up and returned at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. sharp and delivered by Sections, and A R P till wire is connected, to C.O. The first state after zero will be the quantity in echelon on wheels, showing loose and boxed: the second and following showing issues etc. as usual. A copy of A R P's state will be given to C O, who will find the HAMELET D.R. And care must be taken in stacking early piles in certain quantities so as to accurately count.
7. The formation of Store Dump will commence on morning of 7th. at K H Q building: 1K & 2K will each detail a reliable, sober storeman to remain. Ration to be given daily or periodically until further arrangements are made.

APPENDIX

4th Aust. D. A. C. ORDER No. 21 : 2.8.18

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- 8. G S W & Water Tank duty for 2K is cancelled: this is being done by A S C attached to K H Q. 1K will provide A R P with drinking and cooking water on first day, and then each section in turn. Water carts and water bottles must be full before leaving, and the latter kept re-filled at all times.
- 9. All messages must be carefully holed and numbered. All subsequent moves of lines will be reported without delay, giving hour of arrival and locality. All new positions taken up by B W Ls will be reported to C.O. by OS. C. Sections as they locate them.
- 10. All transfers of wagons, animals, equipment and personnel ordered direct to OS. C Sections will be at once reported to K H Q in writing. Certificates of destruction should always be obtained; and the receipt for animals handed to K H Q.
- 11. 1K and 2K Tech, Store teams (4 mules each), will be returned to 1K 2K.
- 12. C.O. and ammunition clerk 100 yards north of dump.

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

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Date	D.A.C.Hqrs	No 1 Section	No 2 Section	No 3 Section	No 4 Section
1916	Formed at				
14 Apl	SERAPEUM EGYPT	-	-	-	-
19 "	2 Officers 410 O.Rs.	SERAPEUM	SERAPEUM	SERAPEUM	-
23 May	-	-	-	-	SERAPEUM
7 June	D.A.C. leaves	ALEXANDRIA in the "ORIANA" and "			
12 "	D.A.C. arrives	MARSEILLES " " " "			
15 "	1st train arrives at	LE HAVRE (Sections mixed)			
16 "	2nd " " " " " "				
17 "	3rd " " " " " "				
	3 trains leave	LE HAVRE			
21 "	3 " " " " " "				
22 "	1 " " " " " "				
21 "	3 " arrive	CAESTRE & CASSELL			
22 "	4 " " " " " "				
22 "	ROUGE-CROIX	ROUGE-CROIX	ROUGE-CROIX	PRADELLES	ROUGE-CROIX
5 Jly	TROU BAYARD	ESTAIRES	SAILLY	SAILLY	DOULIEU
11 "	PETIT-MORTIER	Pt-MORTIER	Pt-MORTIER	Pt-MORTIER	Pt-MORTIER
14 "	-	FLEURBAIX	FLEURBAIX	FLEURBAIX	<del>FLEURBAIX</del>
15 "	FLEURBAIX	-	-	-	FORT ROMPU
16 "	-	-	-	-	BAC St MAUR
18 "	-	-	-	-	ERQUINGHEM
21 "	PETIT-MORTIER	Pt-MORTIER	Pt-MORTIER	Pt-MORTIER	-
22 "	-	-	-	-	Pt-MORTIER
24 "	-	-	-	JESUS FARM	-
4 AUG	WALLON CAPPEL	WALLON CAPPEL	WALLON CAPPEL	WALLON CAPPEL	WALLON CAPPEL
5 "	ACQUIN	ACQUIN	ACQUIN	ACQUIN	ACQUIN
24 "	WALLON CAPPEL	WALLON CAPPEL	WALLON CAPPEL	WALLON CAPPEL	WALLON CAPPEL
25 "	VLAMERTINGE	ZEVECOTEN	ZEVECOTEN	WESTOUTRE	BOESCHEPPE
1 SEP	-	-	-	ZEVECOTEN	WESTOUTRE
13 Nov	WIPPENHOEK	WIPPENHOEK	WIPPENHOEK	WIPPENHOEK	WIPPENHOEK
14 "	VIEUX BERQUIN	V.BERQUIN	V.BERQUIN	V.BERQUIN	NEUF BERQUIN
15 "	ECQUEDECQUE	ECQUEDECQUE	ECQUEDECQUE	ECQUEDECQUE	ECQUEDECQUE
16 "	LA THIEULOYE	LA THIEULOYE	LA THIEULOYE	LA THIEULOYE	LA THIEULOYE
17 "	ETREE WAMIN	ETREE WAMIN	ETREE WAMIN	ETREE WAMIN	ETREE WAMIN
18 "	GROUCHES	GROUCHES	GROUCHES	GROUCHES	GROUCHES
19 "	TALMAS	TALMAS	TALMAS	TALMAS	TALMAS
20 "	BUSSY-les- DAOURS	NAOURS	BUSSY	BUSSY	BUSSY
22 "	VILLE	-	VILLE	VILLE	VILLE
23 "	MONTAUBAN	-	MONTAUBAN	MONTAUBAN	-
24 "	-	-	-	-	MONTAUBAN
17 Dec	-	-	-	-	BUIRE
21 "	-	BUIRE	-	-	-
22 "	-	-	-	BUIRE-	-
23 "	-	-	-	NAOURS	-
26 "	POMMIERS REDOUBT	-	BUIRE	-	-
28 "	BUIRE	-	-	-	-
1917.					
10 Jan	-	-	-	BUIRE	-
2 Feb.	-	-	BOTTOM WOOD	to 12th (Army) A.F.A.Bde.	No 3 Section.
3 "	-	BAZENTIN-le-Grand	-	-	-
4 "	BOTTOM WOOD	-	-	-	BOTTOM WOOD
10 "	-	BOTTOM WOOD	-	-	-
2 Apl	-	BAUPAUME	BAUPAUME	-	-
8 "	BAUPAUME	-	-	-	-
10 "	-	-	-	-	FAVREUIL
13 "	FAVREUIL	FAVREUIL	FAVREUIL	-	-
14 May	ALBERT	ALBERT	ALBERT	-	ALBERT
16/17 "	D.A.C. entrains at	ALBERT, AVELUY & EGGEHILL, for CAESTRE & BAILLEUL.			
18 "	NEUF BERQUIN	NEUF BERQUIN	NEUF BERQUIN	-	NEUF BERQUIN
20 "	BAILLEUL	BAILLEUL	BAILLEUL	-	BAILLEUL
10 Jne	WESTOOF FARM	-	-	-	-
11 "	-	LA CRECHE	LA CRECHE	-	LA CRECHE

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Date	D.A.C.Hqrs	No 1 Section	No 2 Section	No 3 Section
1917				
1 Jly.	NIEPPE	LE VEAU	LE VEAU	L'EPINETTE
11 "	-	DICKEBUSCH	DICKEBUSCH	-
5 Aug	-	-	-	PETIT MORTIER
6 "	PETIT MORTIER	-	-	-
7 "	-	PETIT MORTIER	-	DOULIEU
10 "	DRANOUTRE	DRANOUTRE	DRANOUTRE	DRANOUTRE
15 "	KEMMEL	KEMMEL	KEMMEL	KEMMEL
25 "	MARIABURG FARM	NEUVE EGLISE	NEUVE EGLISE	NORDHOEK
5 Sep	PRADELLES	BORRE	BORRE	BORRE
10 "	POPERINGHE	POPERINGHE	POPERINGHE	-
12 "	-	-	-	POPERINGHE
26 "	DER JAGER GROENEN	DER JAG. GROENEN	DER JAG. GROENEN	-
27 "	-	-	-	DER JAGER GROENEN
5 Oct	-	-	BELGIAN BTY CORNER	-
6 "	POISSON ROUGE	POISSON ROUGE	KRUISTRAAT	VLAMERTINGHE
8 "	KRUISTRAAT	KRUISTRAAT	-	KRUISTRAAT
27 "	BUSSEBOOM	BUSSEBOOM	BUSSEBOOM	BUSSEBOOM
28 "	-	-	OUDERDOM	-
2 Nov	BEAUVOORDE	BEAUVOORDE	NONNEBOSCHE	NONNEBOSCHE
3 "	LA CUNEWELLE	LA CUNEWELLE	LA CUNEWELLE	LA CUNEWELLE
15 "	LIGNY-les-AIRE	LIGNY-les-AIRE	LIGNY-les-AIRE	LIGNY-les-AIRE
18 "	COUPELLES-VIELLES	COUPELLES-VIELLES	COUPELLES-V.	COUPELLES-VIELLES
20 "	LE BIEZ	LE BIEZ	LE BIAZ	LE BIAZ
21 "	MAINTENAY	MAINTENAY	MAINTENAY	MAINTENAY
22 "	FOREST MONTIERS	FOREST MONTIERS	FOREST MONTIERS	FOREST MONTIERS
23 "	BUIGNY-ST-MACLOU	BUIGNY-ST-MACLOU	BUIGNY-ST-MACLOU	BUIGNY-ST-MACLOU
24 "	OCHANCOURT	<del>CHANCOURT</del> NIBAS	OCHANCOURT	OCHANCOURT
25 "	RIEUX	RIEUX	MONCHAUX	BAZINVAL
27 "	MONCHAUX	-	-	-
4/6 Dec	DAC. entrains at	GAMACHES & EU for	PERONNE	
5 Dec	-	DOIGNT	-	-
6 "	-	-	DOIGNT	-
7 "	DOIGNT	-	-	-
19 "	FLAMICOURT	FLAMICOURT	FLAMICOURT	FLAMICOURT
28 "	-	ROCQUINY	-	-
29 "	ROCQUINY	-	ROCQUINY	ROCQUINY
29/31 "	D.A.C. entrains at	BAUPAME for	BAILLEL	
31 "	METEREN	METEREN	-	METEREN
1918				
1 Jan.	FLETRE	FLETRE	FLETRE	-
4 "	LOCRE	LOCRE	LOCRE	LOCRE
23 Mch	OUTERSTEENE	OUTERSTEENE	NOOTEBOOM	OUTERSTEENE
24 "	LA CORBIE	LA CORBIE	LA CORBIE	LA CORBIE
25 "	HOUDAIN	HOUDAIN	Houdain	HOUDAIN
26 "	SAULTY	SAULTY	SAULTY	SAULTY
27 "	WARLOY	WARLOY	WARLOY	WARLOY
28 "	AGNICOURT	AGNICOURT	AGNICOURT	AGNICOURT
24 Apl	-	-	-	J Sub-Sec. QUERRIEU.
				K " LAMOTTE-BREBIERE.
26 "	-	-	-	I " ALLONVILLE
27 "	-	-	-	RIVERY.
4 May	LAMOTTE-BREBIERE	LAMOTTE-BREBIERE	LAMOTTE-BREBIERE	-
24 "	-	-	-	I Sub-Sec ALLONVILLE.
				K " PONT-NOYELLES
27 "	-	-	-	K " QUERRIEU
1 Jne	-	-	-	RIVERY (new camp)
3 "	HANGEST	HANGEST	HANGEST	-
4 "	EAUCOURT	EAUCOURT	EAUCOURT	-
18 "	BOURDON	BOURDON	BOURDON	-
19 "	RENANCOURT	RENANCOURT	RENANCOURT	-
20 "	QUERRIEU	QUERRIEU	QUERRIEU	-
3 Jly	-	-	-	I Sub. BUSSY-les-Daours
6 "	-	-	-	" RIVERY.
14 "	-	PONT-NOYELLES	-	-
25 "	FRECHENCOURT	-	FRECHENCOURT	-
30 "	-	-	-	CAGNY
5 Aug	-	-	-	AUBIGNY
7 "	VAIRE	-	-	-

*Arrived 27/6*

From Lieutenant H. A. Grylls

9/8/1918

To G/C 2 K.

As instructed I took party up to Anti-tank gun, and took over same together with stores, ammunition etc as per enclosed list - moved forward but was unable to place gun in position last night -

This morning I reconnoitred for a suitable position and eventually fixed on Q 73 to 65 20. - From this position I can cover a large portion of the ground that enemy tanks would proceed over should they break through our front line.

It is impossible to place the gun in position during daylight but shall do so as soon as it is dark enough to do so with safety.

2 P.M. 19/8/18.

H. A. Grylls  
G/C

The G/C 4th ADAC.

Noted & forwarded

Brankin  
G/C 2 K

7:30 pm 9-8-18

I Subsection Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 18.

General Report on Ammunition  
Delivery to 4<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde.

I left the SAA Park at Aubigny  
at 11 am on the 8/8/18. with 14  
waggon loads of SAA & bombs  
for the 4<sup>th</sup> Bde. I took the Road  
to the N of Faucel & followed it  
through to Cerisy. When about  
500 yds to the West of Faillip I  
ordered the Column to halt as I  
found that the enemy still held  
the heights to the West of Chipillon  
& that he had a Bty with direct  
observation on the road that  
I was forced to use to get to Cerisy.  
After waiting for about an hour  
I was eventually able to get  
through as our Artillery for a  
while had silenced his guns.  
On reaching Cerisy I met a  
guide who showed me where

to dump portion of my ammunition.  
I dumped here three waggon  
loads of SAA & bombs for the 15<sup>th</sup>  
Batin. I then proceeded with  
the column to Motcourt to a  
location given me by the guide.  
The road from Cerisy to Motcourt  
was very rough & badly shell  
punctured in places very steep &  
difficult. After getting up the  
worst & last gradient I had  
a distance of about 800 yds  
to go across the top of the crest  
& gave instructions here for the  
Bde to go across at a fast  
pace with irregular intervals.  
This they did & were shelled the  
whole way across from an  
enemy Bty who were shooting  
at us over open sight. This was  
the same Bty that had previously  
held us up. I eventually got  
across with only two casualties  
Bdr Burton who was thrown

from his horse & sustained a  
concussion of the head also a  
M.G. who was riding on the rear  
of one of the waggons.  
Having got through this Bty fire  
with all my ammunition  
safely I arrived at the location  
given me in Morcourt &  
unloaded 2 waggons of bombs  
& D.A. The remaining two  
waggons of ammunition I took  
forward to the Red line in  
D17c where our infantry were  
digging in. Whilst approaching  
this position we were fired  
on by the enemy with machine  
guns but fortunately sustained  
no casualties. From here we  
returned safely to the remainder  
of the column. After waiting  
for about an hour for the enemy  
fire to lift I was able to move  
off & arrived back at Aubigny  
at about 5 pm.

on reporting to Capt. Bond my  
O/C I received instructions from  
him to lead up another 1st  
waggons & deliver the ammunition  
to the 4th Bde in Morcourt.  
I left Aubigny again at 6 pm  
& proceed on the same route  
& after my last pulling arrived  
at Morcourt at about 10 pm &  
received instructions from the  
4th Bde to deliver the ammunition  
at 20th Pds in D17c. Whilst  
unloading here we were shelled  
but completed the job without  
anything unusual occurring.  
After finishing the unloading  
we returned to our wagon  
lines at Aubigny at about  
12 mid.

(Sgd) LT HUTCHINSON.

I Sub



I Subsection 9.8.18  
 General report on the delivery  
 of ammunition during the  
 attack on 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

I left Aubigny at 10 A.M.  
 with fourteen wagon  
 loads of ammunition, to  
 be delivered to 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade  
 by instructions were: to  
 proceed to a point about  
 1000 yards west of  
 Warfusie - Abanchant,  
 where I was to meet  
 a guide.

On arrival there, I found  
 guides from each Battalion  
 of the 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade, who  
 informed me, that an  
 equal quantity of the  
 ammunition, had to  
 be delivered to each

Battalion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Brigade.  
 I immediately split up  
 my column into four,  
 with equal quantities  
 of ammunition in each.  
 Placed senior O.C. OS  
 in charge of three, and  
 took the fourth myself.  
 We then proceeded under  
 the guides to, their  
 respective Battalions  
 and delivered the ammunition  
 at locations in the area  
 of O 28. b + d. and O 35. a  
 I returned to camp at  
 Aubigny at about 6 P.M.  
 and reported to Capt.  
 Ford my O.C. that I had  
 completed the delivery and  
 obtained receipts for all.  
 He then gave me instruction  
 to reload, with the same  
 amount of ammunition.

and deliver to the same locations.

I did this and left camp again at 7.30 P.M. Delivered the ammunition at about 11.30 P.M. and returned to camp by 3.30 A.M. on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst

Signed -  
W. J. Elliston Lieut  
S.F.A. 4<sup>th</sup> D.P.C.

I Subsection

I might mention, that on my return I picked up several wounded men and took them to the dressing station at Warfusie - Chaucourt.

W.J.E.

3<sup>25</sup>

Handed in at.....		Office.....		m. Received.....		m	
TO		4 <sup>TH</sup> AUST DIA G					
*Sender's Number		Day of Month		In reply to Number		AAA	
P. 36.		8 <sup>th</sup>					
Reference		instructions		AP03		para 2.	
AAA		Guns		and		Ammun.	
will		be		moved		forward.	
to-nigh		and		locations		referred	
to		this		office.			
Addressed		4 <sup>TH</sup> AUST DIA G		repeated			
to		DIV G.		RIGHT & LEFT.			
Superimposed		Groups					
FROM		4 <sup>TH</sup> AUST DIV ARTY.					
TIME & PLACE							

\*This line should be erased if not required

G. & R 7800 W. W14832/M1528 100.000 8/17 (E980) Forms C/2122

To		From	
By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By	
TO { 4 <sup>th</sup> DAC			
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* A/30.	10th		
by 3rd Aust. Div.			
4th Aust. Division is being relieved in the Line South of the SOMME AAA 4th Aust. Div. Artillery will move to positions North of SOMME to-day under instructions given verbally to Commanders concerned. AAA On arrival of Aust. Brigades, Artillery covering the Div. front will be grouped as follows AAA			
RIGHT Group - Col. WILLIAMS, D.S.O. 10th and 11th Aust. F.A. Bdes.			
LEFT Group - Col. JONES, D.S.O.. 290 and 291 Brigades R.F.A..			
SUPERIMPOSED GROUP - Col. WEST, D.S.O.. 5th R.H.A. Bde.. AAA			
Div. Boundaries are River SOMME to a line K 17 Central to L 8 Central AAA Present front line approx. K 24 Cent. - K 18 d 8 7 - K 17 Cent. AAA Advancing AAA LEFT Group as above will			
From	Overleaf.....		
Place			
Time			
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By		(Signature of "Franking Officer.") By	
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will cover the Div. front until further orders AAA All Batteries will be prepared to cover the following line by darkness to-night L 33 a 8615 - L 21 c 7 0 - L 15 a 9 3 - L 13 b 0 8.			
LEFT Group will advance accordingly AAA 4th D.T.M.O. and D.A.C. will be relieved by 3rd Aust. and move to new area as instructed AAA Mortars to be handed over in situ. AAA			
ACKNOWLEDGE.			
From			
Place	4th Aust. D.A..		
Time			
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Wt. W 3253/P511. 500,000 Pads. 1/18 B & S Ltd. (55200)			

APPENDIX

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3/27  
29SECRET.ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 44.HEADQUARTERS,  
11th August 1918.

1. A forward A.R.P. is established at K 34 c 4 0 (CHIPILLY A.R.P.) and will operate from 9 a.m. to-morrow 12th instant, for use of

10th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 11th Aust. F.A. Brigade  
 5th Brigade R.H.A.,  
 290th Brigade R.F.A.,  
 291st Brigade R.F.A..

2. Dump parties as under will be detailed to man the A.R.P.

4th Aust. D.A.C. 4 Lieut. MEIN, 2 N.C.Os and 25 O.R.  
 58th D.A.C. - - - 2 N.C.Os and 25 O.R.

the latter party will remain on dump at J K 9 Central until empty, when they will report to CHIPILLY.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE on form attached.

*Arthur C. Stewart*  
 Captain,  
 Staff Captain,  
 4th Australian Divisional Artillery.

DISTRIBUTION

1	5.	10th Aust. F.A. Bde
6	10	11th Aust. F.A. Bde
11	15	5th Brigade R.H.A.
16	20	290th Bde R.F.A.,
21	25	291st Bde R.F.A.,
26	30	4th Aust. D.A.C.,
31	34	58th D.A.C.,
	35	Corps M.T. Col. (Aust.)
	36	Aust. Corps 'Q'.
	37	R.A., Aust. Corps,
	38	4th Aust. Div. 'Q'.
	39	C.R.A.,
	40	B.M.,
	41	S.C.,
	42	R.D.,
	43	Spare,
	44	File
	45)	War
	46)	Diary.

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4th. AUST. D.A.C. ORDER No.23 of 14.8.18  
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XX      Following Order No.180; A.I. No.1; etc.

1. Maps to be ready for use AMIENS; 62D; 62 C.
2. Troops from Right to Left:-  
Canadian on South-  
5th. Aust. Div., frontage, 3000 yds. South of bottom edge of Map-  
4th. Aust. Div., do 2500 do North do do do-  
2nd. Aust. Div., do 3000 do North of 4th. Aust. Div.-  
4th. Aust. Div. has 12th.Bde. on R & 4th.Bde on L & 132nd. U.S.I.  
Tracing showing these & front line, & objectives is attached.
3. C.R.A. 1st. Aust. Div. has the following Arty:-  
RIGHT. Group. 1st., 2nd., & 10th. Bdes.  
Left Group 11th.Bde., 189th. & 298th, Bdes. R.F.A. 15-  
C.R.A. 4th. Aust. Div. takes these Groups over later & at 6 p.m. ~~16th.~~ 16  
inst. takes over the A.R.P. GUILLAUCOURT.
4. Ammendment to K.V. 622. Ammn. will be 500 rds. 18-pr. per Gun; 50% A & AX, & as much Smoke as available: and 450 BX per How. and Smoke if available. This must be at Gun Pits by 4 a.m. 15th. inst. & to cope with this large supply it might be advisable to send forward G.S.W. loads provided no boxes are placed in fields during daylight unless asked for.
5. Lieut Mein will be on A.R.P. at 6 p.m. ~~15th.~~ 15 inst.: Dump personnel totals 66 o/Rs. of which Nos. 1 & 2 will each supply at least 10 Gnrs. exclusive of N.C.Os., Cooks, telephonist, clerk etc.
6. (a) A.I. No.1 para 6, details 1 mounted orderly per Bty. for Ammn. location if Btys. move forward. It might be arranged that he is dis-mounted, the mounted work being done by Sub-section N.C.O.  
(b) The collection of Ammn. might be collected into Sec. Dumps under guards temporarily at the side of a lorry route, and to assist in this, Sections to report to C.O. now, the positions of Btys. as well as B.W.Ls. or as many as are known, and the remainder later. These Sectn. dumps will be either moved forward by lorry ~~or~~ to a new A.R.P. or be issued from, to Btys., & in the latter case it might be advisable for Sectns. to move up close to their dumps.  
(c) In Daily Ammunition State it is not necessary now to show separately the boxed & loose.
7. If boxed ammn. is taken from camp it should be replaced in wagons ready for the move forward.
8. It is found necessary to impress again on Sectns. reporting their locations directly they arrive, to avoid non receipt of orders & other complications. It was 15 hours since arrival before all locations could be made known to D.A.
9. I Sub-section & Lt. Elliston with J sub-section will be at V 2 9 b 8 8 to-day. K sub-section under 2/Lt. Turner, at J 27 c 2 2.
10. Sections report immediately Anti-tank gun Officers & detachments return.
11. I.O.M. & Supplies refilling point: VILLERS - BRETONNEUX  
D.A.D.O.S. 1a NEUVILLE  
K.H.Q. W 15 a 5 5 (also R.A.P. & Technical Stores)  
1K. W 14 b 3 3  
2K. ~~2K~~ W 9 d 1 3
12. FRONT LINE:- From North to South now is-  
X 34 d- X 4 b 9 9- X 17 a 4 9- X 23 b 9 9- X 24 a 9 1- S 20 central-  
S 26 d 0 5

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

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions

**SECRET**  
**D.R.L.S..**

At.....m. Service. Date.....  
To.....  
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {

Sender's Number. \* **A/52** Day of Month. **12/8** In reply to Number. **AAA**

The 4th Aust. Div. Artillery will be withdrawn on completion of operation arranged for to-night 12th/13th August AAA The actual time of withdrawal will be decided by the Right Group Commander with the approval of the G.O.C 13th A.I. Brigade AAA The C.R.A. 4th Aust. Div. and C.R.A. Liaison Force to be informed AAA Normally the time of withdrawal may be expected to be about 1.30 a.m. at which time the new S.O.S. line will be covered by the Liaison Force. Artillery under orders to be issued by the C.R.A. Liaison Force AAA The 4th Aust. Div. Arty. will withdraw and bivouac in area P 1 d - Q 1 c South of SOMME AAA The 4th Aust. Div. Arty. will be expected to move into action in LIONS Area on 13th inst. AAA Orders regarding this move will be issued later AAA ACKNOWLEDGE. Addd. RIGHT, LEFT, SUPERIMP. Groups, D.T.M.O & D.A.C., Reptd. C.R.A. Liaison Force (J22403 4th Aust. Div. "G", Corps R.A. 3rd Aust. D.A., 4th Aust. S.S.O. & 14th Coy. A.A.S.C..

From.....  
Place **4th Aust. D.A..**  
Time.....

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
Brigade Major..

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions

At.....m. Service. Date.....  
To.....  
By..... (Signature of "Franking Officer.")

TO {

Sender's Number. \* **35110** Day of Month. **13/8** In reply to Number. **AAA**

to	4 <sup>th</sup> Aust	Dw	Arty
will	move	into	action
on	night	13/8 Aug	1918 coming
on line	bounded	on	north
by EFW	quad	through	X 17 cent and
South of EFW	quad	depending	Squares
S. and A	aaa	Bqae	advanced
parties	will	report	immediately
as	follows	10 <sup>th</sup> Bqae	to
11 <sup>th</sup> FA Bqae	Hqrs	X 26 d 43	and
11 <sup>th</sup> FA Bqae	5 2 <sup>nd</sup> FA Bqae	Hqrs	X 26 d 51
aaa	parties	will	be
selected	covering	3500 yards	beyond
the	present	800 lines	aaa
4 <sup>th</sup> Aust DTC	will	report	to
1 <sup>st</sup> Aust DTC	Hqrs	and	move
to area	in	month	of 1918 DTC

From.....  
Place.....  
Time.....

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	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....			
TO } <i>Continued</i>				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
* <i>BH 10</i>				
<i>Bush</i>	<i>AW</i>	<i>Art</i>	<i>Hops</i>	
<i>Report</i>	<i>centre</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>at</i>	
<i>establish</i>	<i>forward</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>Sugar</i>	
<i>Factory</i>	<i>V 9052</i>	<i>aaa</i>		
From	<i>Hawai Aw art</i>			
Place				
Time				
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	At.....m.			From.....
	To.....			By.....
	By.....			
TO } <i>10<sup>th</sup> Aust FA Bde</i>				
TO } <i>11<sup>th</sup> Aust FA Bde</i>				
TO } <i>45<sup>th</sup> Aust BFC</i>				
Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA	
* <i>BH 11</i>	<i>13/8/15</i>			
<i>14</i>	<i>BH 10</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>by</i>	
<i>at</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>TMS</i>	<i>was</i>	
<i>made</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>as follows</i>	<i>aaa</i>	
<i>Setting point X under</i>		<i>Q13C 41</i>	<i>aaa</i>	
<i>has</i>	<i>starting</i>	<i>point</i>	<i>10<sup>th</sup> Aust</i>	
<i>open</i>	<i>11<sup>th</sup> Aust</i>	<i>7 pm</i>	<i>BFC</i>	
<i>open</i>	<i>aaa</i>	<i>note</i>	<i>BAVIAVIERS</i>	
<i>-HARBORERS - destination in aaa</i>				
<i>from BAVIAVIERS to</i>				
<i>destination given by command</i>				
<i>at</i>				
<i>15<sup>th</sup> Aust</i>				
<i>600 lbs</i>				
<i>15<sup>th</sup> B</i>				
<i>15<sup>th</sup> B</i>				
<i>15<sup>th</sup> B</i>				
<i>ARP</i>				
<i>etc</i>				
From				
Place				
Time				
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Sent		Date.....		Date.....
At.....m.		Service.....		From.....
To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....
By.....				

TO {

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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#	Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Report  
 in  
 ROSIERES  
 at  
 CHATEAU  
 under  
 position

W 25 and  
 aaa  
 CHATEAU  
 under  
 position

Issued at 8pm  
 Ref map 62d 1/40000

From	4th Aust Div art
Place	
Time	

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At.....m.		Service.....	
To.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	
By.....			

TO {

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#	Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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SECRET  
 D R L S.

in confirmation of Playfair Code Message A/72

- The operation under 4th Aust. Div. Order No. 180 is postponed indefinitely.
- The relief of the 1st Aust./Inf. by the 4th Aust. Div. Infantry will continue.
- Orders regarding the front to be held by the 4th Aust. Division will be issued later.

Addressed all recipients ORDER 180.

para 102  
 commutator 42K02K  
 15/8/18. 1493  
 H. Cooper

From	
Place	4th Aust. D.A..
Time	

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4th Aust. Divisional Artillery.

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At.....m.		Service		
To.....		From.....		
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		By.....

TO			

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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To	AAA	Departure	Beiges
via	via	in	V125 and
V126	and	ROSIERES	AAA
Div art	Hqs	at	CHATEAU
W140956	AAA	at	low
be	about	at	under
181	Div art,	at	position
orders	AAA		

Issued at 3pm  
 Ref map 62d 1/40000

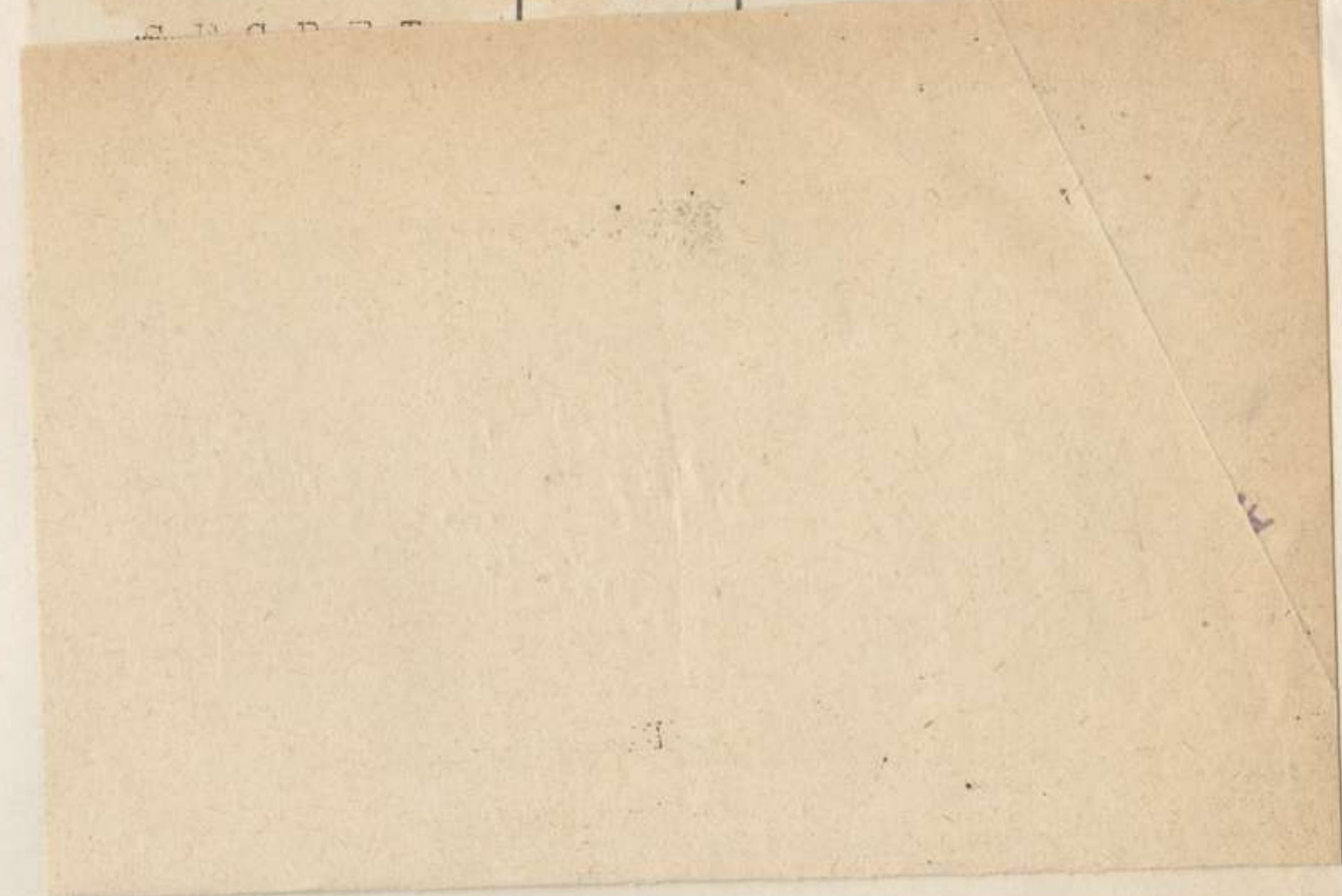
From	1st Div art
Place	
Time	

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions	Charge	This message is on a/c of:	Recd. at.....m.
Sent		Date	
To.....		From.....	
By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	



APPENDIX

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4th. Aust. D.A.C. ORDER No.24 of 15.8.18

1. A 72 & A 76 instruct that operation under 4th. D.A. Order No.180, is postponed indefinitely & that the relief of 1st. Aust. Div. Inf. by the 4th. Aust. Div. Inf. will continue. Ammn. carrying until further orders, has been stopped but A 83, of 15th. inst. states that Command of DIV. Arty. will pass from 1st. D.A. to 4th. D.A. at 10 a.m. 16th. inst.: and that 11th. Bde. will be in Left Group & 10th. Bde. a silent superimposed Bde. in Right. D.A.H.Q. will open at W 18 c 8 4 at 4 p.m. on 15th. inst.
2. A 71 orders German Dumps to be avoided for fear of bombing & horse lines will be picketed on separate day & night lines as they will be "spotted" by E.A.
3. C 5/69. The White ring of the National Marking on British night flying Handley-Pages and N.F. Camels will be eliminated leaving red & blue ring only. These machines fly by day as well as night.

4. LOCATIONS:-

	FIELD	W.Ls.
10th. A.F.A.Bde. H.Q.	F 2 b 5 8	F 2 a 4062
37	F 5 b 9 9	W 24 b 7 5
38	F 5 b 3092	W 26 b 3 6
39	F 5 b 5388	W 28 d 2 2
110.	F 5 b 5050	W 28 d 8 5
11th. A.F.A.Bde. H.Q.	F 3 a 0505	
41	X 28 c 7010	W 24 c 2 9
42	X 29 a 4060	W 20 d 2 5
43	X 29 d 5010	W 18 central
111	Z 28 c 8040	X 25 a 8 8
4th. Aust. D.T.M.O.		HARBONNIERES
4t.A.D.A.C.H.Q.		W 15 a 3 7
No.1 Sectn.		W 14 b 3 3
No.2 Sectn.		W 14 b 5 3
A.R.P.	W 15 a 5 5	
Advanced Light Workshops.	VILLERS-BRETONNEUX	
4th. Aust. Div. H.Q.	Red Chateau, VILLERS BRETONNEUX	

## 5. G 1/377. Future policy in connection with 18-pr. Shrap:-

- (a) Shells are to be classified as "Heavy" and "Normal".
- (b) No.80 fuze only will be used. All No.85 fuzes are being withdrawn.
- (c) Cordite will be the propellant and ~~xxxx~~ N.C.T. will disappear.

*H.V. Vernon* Lt. Col.  
C.O. 4th. AUST. Div. Ammn. Col.

To Col 4<sup>th</sup> Aust DivHEADQUARTERS,  
15th August 1918.

The following extracts from a letter from the G.O.C. R.A., Fourth Army, and received by me from the G.O.C., R.A., Aust. Corps, are forwarded for your personal information and promulgation to all ranks under your command :-

R.A., Headquarters,  
Australian Corps,  
13th August 1918.

The following is an extract from a letter received by me from the G.O.C. R.A. Fourth Army :--

August 8th was a great day for the Artillery.  
Will you please convey to all ranks of the Artillery under your command my admiration and appreciation of their work.  
I consider the following points to be particularly noteworthy :-

1. The manner in which difficulties were overcome in putting guns and ammunition into position.
2. The accuracy and effect of the barrage fire and Heavy Artillery bombardment without previous registration.
3. The effective counter-Battery work.
4. The bold and successful way in which the advance of the Artillery in support of our Infantry was carried out.

In forwarding this to you, I wish to add my sincerest thanks and appreciation of the work and energy displayed by those under your Command in carrying out the many tasks which confronted you.  
My best congratulations and wishes for continued success to you and those under your Command.

(Sgd.) WALTER A. COXEN,  
Brigadier-General,  
G.O.C., R.A., Aust. Corps. "

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It is unnecessary, I think, for me to tell you all how very glad I am to be able to forward the above appreciation and commendation of your work during the recent most important and successful action.

The collective success, prompt and smooth action of the Field Artillery was only obtained by the individual energy and sustained effort, not only of Commanders and Officers, but all ranks of our Brigades, Batteries, and Ammunition Columns, and the untiring and most efficient work of our Signal Units.

In conclusion, may I add my own appreciation, not only of the success of your united work, but also of the many difficulties which were so effectively and cheerfully overcome before this successful result could be obtained.

*W.L.H. Burgess*  
Brigadier-General,  
C.R.A., 4th Australian Division.

Over.

Copies to :-

- 16th Bde. R.H.A..
- 3rd ARMY Bde. Aust. F.A..
- 7th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 8th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 10th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 11th Aust. F.A. Bde..
- 4th Aust. M.T.M. Btys..
- 4th Aust. D.A.C..
- 4th Aust. Div. Arty. Sig. Subsections.
- 4th M.T. Company.

) Copy per  
 ) Battery  
 ) & Section  
 ) D.A.C..

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20/8/18.

O.C.

No 1 Section.

G1/380 orders following salvage. Corps requires this at once, and I am to wire at 9 pm daily the amount of ammunition dumped at A.R.P. in last 24 hours. It should be collected by classes. Please hand your Return to K.H. Q. by 8.30 pm.

As each Bty is firing a minimum of 200 rounds per 24 hrs it is evident from your State, they are collecting in the field. Should you hand any to a Battery, the receipt must be attached to the Daily Salvage Return, as well as those of Dump Officer.

The Dump is an A.R.P. at E 9 b 9 5 and O.C. is from 3rd Army Bde, A.F.A.

F 11 b 2 1	1722 A	1049 AX	24 AS	- BX
F 11 c 5 8	1692	1418	217	-
F 11 c 3085	-	-	-	3004
F 11 d 1595	1800	1547	200	-
	<u>5214</u>	<u>4014</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>3004</u>

These locations must be found accurately as, e.g., 3rd Army Bde is collecting in F 11 a & F 5 d, and 2 K in F 17.

Salvage parties should carry one of your large scale maps and not take the rounds belonging to other Units.

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

O.C.

No 2 Section.

20/8/18.

G1/380 and Corps order following salvage at once. Hand Return to K.H.Q. by 8.30 pm, of amount dumped at A.R.P. each 24 hours. Should you deliver any to Btys the receipt must be attached to your Return as well as those of Dump Officer, who is from 3rd Army Bde, A.F.A. Bring rounds back to dump, at E 9 b 9 5.

F 13 b 2 8	668 A	80 AX	- AS	e BX
F 16 b 8 1	1106	916	90	-
F 16 b 7232	1724	1351	152	-
F 16 b 8 5	-	-	-	2200
F 17 a 1 7	2240	1012	-	-
	<u>5738</u>	<u>3359</u>	<u>242</u>	<u>2200</u>

These locations must be found accurately, as e.g., 3rd Army Bde are also collecting in F 16 b 5 0, F 16 b 6 4, F 17 a 2 4, and 6th Army Bde in F 16 d, and No 1 Sec in F 11 c & d, etc. Salvage parties should carry one of your large scale maps, and not take the rounds k belonging to other Units.

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No 2 Section.

G1/380 and Corps order following salvage at once. Hand Return to K.H.Q. by 8.30 pm, of amount dumped at A.R.P. each 24 hours. Should you deliver any to Btys the receipt must be attached to your Return as well as those of Dump Officer, who is from 3rd Army Bde, A.F.A. Bring rounds back to dump, at E 9 b 9 5.

F 13 b 2 8	668 A	80 AX	- AS	e BX
F 16 b 8 1	1106	916	90	-
F 16 b 7232	1724	1351	152	-
F 16 b 8 5	-	-	-	2200
F 17 a 1 7	2240	1012	-	-
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4th Aust. D.A.C.

Circular to All Sections 4th. A. D. A. C. 17.8.18.

Guns captured by the 4th. Aust. Div. Inf.

G 4/395 orders (inter alia):-

~~"Detached Unit"~~ " You will please organise a detached unit of 6 teams with limbers under an Officer and sufficient N.C.Os to withdraw as many guns as possible back to the gun receiving Depot at FOUILLOY. This Unit will keep in constant touch with you in case of orders being received to move. Please forward a daily progress report of all guns withdrawn."

Please organise this Unit, though they of course, if you prefer may return to your camp periodically or for changing of teams. A nominal roll of the Unit to be furnished K H Q (except S A A Section). Your Area will be cleared from West to East by Map squares: 1K is North & West of 2K; 18-pr & 4.5" shells to be collected similarly by 1K & 2K, but not so as to delay salvage of guns, as the latter are more important.

Any account given by the Officer, if of interest, will be typed in the War Diary.

The C.R.A. would like it put in hand after receipt of this please.

Opportunities of salvaging in more forward areas must be watched for from safe bivouacs in or near your Salvage Area.

Your List of Field and Heavy Guns, Mach. Guns & Minewerfers are attached hereto.

*J. G. G. G.*

Captain,

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

Notes for Record.

The whole area was divided into three.

1. 62 D. Q 1 to Q 20 inclusive, to be cleared by No 1 Section and contains :-
  - 3 4.2" Hows.
  - 8 77 M.Ms.
  - also an Anti-tank gun, 500 yards south-west of PROYART, R 19 d 3 4.
  - also 1 77 M.M. said to be "In Copse".
2. 62 D. Q 21, 22, 23, & 27 to be cleared by No 2 Section and contains :-
  - 5 6" L.R. Guns.
  - 5 4.2" Hows.
  - 3 77 M.Ms.
3. 62 D. Q 15, 16, 18, 23 & 26 to be cleared by No 3 Section and contains :-
  - 10 Machine guns.
  - 9 Light M.guns.
  - 2 Heavy "
  - 9 Minenwerfers.

1. Cases have occurred in which gas casualties have been caused by men entering dugouts abandoned by the enemy in which Yellow Cross Gas Shells have been exploded.

In one case a dugout was found to contain a 180 m.m. Yellow Cross Gas Shell, by the side of which were laid two slabs of "PERDITE" fitted with a firing device. The explosion of the "PERDITE" would break up the gas shell without doing much damage to the dugout, and as a result the dugout would be filled with a cloud of gas in high concentration.

All troops should be warned of this practice on the part of the enemy, and captured dugouts should not be entered without the necessary precautions.

During a raid recently, the enemy dropped a number of smoke generating tubes and 77 m.m. Yellow Cross shells into the ventilating shaft of a tunnel. To guard against such action in future, the entrances of tunnels or ventilating shafts should where possible, be protected by thick barbed wire entanglements, and an adequate system of ventilation should be arranged to prevent an accumulation of poisonous gas in the tunnel.

2. "A" Div. Sector is between E & W grid lines through F 8 Central and S 13 Central.

3. Location Statement.

<u>11th Aust. F.A. Bde.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Wagon Lines</u>
Headquarters	W 24 b 5050	W 25 b 2080
41st Battery	F 4 d 4030	W 25 b 2080
42nd Battery	F 3 b 7573	W 25 d 2 4
43rd Battery	F 4 a 8545	W 26 c 0 7
111th How. "	F 5 d 5 3	W 25 a 8080

<u>10th Aust. F.A. Bde.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Wagon Lines</u>
Headquarters	F 2 d 7595	F 2 a 4062
37th Battery	F 4 a 6440	W 24 b 7 5
38th Battery	F 5 b 2050	W 26 a 3 8
39th Battery	F 5 b 4412	W 28 c 8 8
110th How. "	F 4 d 4 0	W 29 d 3 8

<u>4th Aust. D.T.M.O.</u>	X 25 a 9 7
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<u>4th Aust. D.A.C.</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Wagon Lines</u>
Headquarters		W 15 a 3 7
No 1 Section		W 19 a 1 9
No 2 Section		W 27 Central
3 "		V 23 d 0 1

<u>A.R.P.</u>	W 15 b 3 8
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<u>Salvage A.R.P.</u>	E 9 b 9 5
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<u>Ord. Mob. Workshops.</u>	<u>Position</u>
No 17	N 28 d 2 4
No 53	O 29 d 3 8

4. G.H.Q. are anxious to secure specimens of 1916 pattern H.E. shell for the German 77 m.m. Field Gun.

If any of these shells are found, please have one or two rounds collected as specimens. The baskets containing them will be marked K.Gr. 16.

5. Ammn Salvage by 1 K in F 11 at b 2 1, c 3085, c 5 8, d 1595.  
do by 2 K in F 16 at b 8 1, b 7232, b 8 5, also  
F 17 a 1 7 & F 13 b 2 8.

All salved rounds and charges to go to CAIX Dump. Daily Return from Sections due at 8.30 pm.

6. Outward reinforcements since arrival in France: to 10th Bde, 992; to 11th Bde, 935; & H & M.T.M., 359.

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7. Grouping in "A" Div. Sector.

Right. Left.

8. Expenditure :- Minimum of 200 rds p.g. & p.how. per 24 hours. 200 rds p.g. & p. how., & 300 gas p.how. will be maintained at gun-pits.

Daily amm State due at 11.30 am.

Lt. Colonel.

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

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Location Statement	10th Aust. F.A. Bde.	4th Aust. D.A.C.	4th Aust. D.T.M.G.	4th Aust. D.A.C.	4th Aust. D.T.M.G.	4th Aust. D.A.C.	4th Aust. D.T.M.G.
Headquarters	Headquarters	Headquarters	Headquarters	Headquarters	Headquarters	Headquarters	Headquarters
1st Battery	1st Battery	1st Battery	1st Battery	1st Battery	1st Battery	1st Battery	1st Battery
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5. Amm Salvage by 1 K in F 11 at 2.1. c 3025, c 2.8, d 1525. by 2 K in F 16 at 2.1. b 7322, b 8.5, also F 14 at 1.7 & F 13 p 2.8. Daily Return

6. Forward reinforcements since arrival in France: to 10th Bde, 922; to 11th Bde, 925; & H & M.T.M., 359.

1. G.R.Os 4829. The following method of showing setting corrections on 18 pr shrapnel ammunition has been approved:-
- NORMAL GROUP.  
On Fuse Cover. Orange labels printed in black.  
On Base of cart. Setting correction marked in black inside a one inch circle.
- HEAVY GROUP.  
On Fuse Cover. White label printed in red.  
White top to fuse cover.  
On Base of Cart. Setting correction marked in black inside a black rectangle.  $1 \frac{1}{8}'' \times \frac{5}{4}''$ .
- BOTH GROUPS.  
On box. Setting correction shown on both sides of box enclosed in a hollow rectangle.
2. G.R.Os 4831. Lewis gun magazines. A few cases have been reported of new magazines being slightly too small in diameter with the result that the stop pawl sometimes misses. Any magazine with this defect should be condemned and exchanged for a new one.
3. D.A. Order No 184: Left Bn 4th I.Bde is relieved by a Bn 32nd Div: Sector, Northern Bdy is now E & W grid through S 20 Central. "I" Subsection moved on 23rd from CAYEUX to CAMON.
4. D.A. W. Order No 6: 4th Div. is being relieved by 34th French & 32nd British Div. D.A.C. by 32nd D.A.C. on 24th, or 25th.
5. G 5/980. 4th Div. Arty will be billeted:- D.A.H.Q., 10th & 11th Bdes in CAMON : D.A.C. & M.T.M. in LONGUEAU. Billeting party to be at CAMON, 2 pm. (spec. instr)
6. Ammunition Salving Returns in F 11, & F 17 etc to 9 pm 23rd:-  
1710 A, 424 AX, 1177 BX, 34 AA.  
Collection on nights 23/24 & 24/25 will be as large as the number of wagons off other duty.

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- (1) D.A. Order 185 & March Table issued to Sections. 4th D.A.C.  
will be relieved by 32nd D.A.C. by 8 am, 25th inst. 1 K will  
detail a wagon to carry 1K dump personnel kits to W.Ls, by  
arrangement with Lieut Mein. 2 K kits will leave K.H.Q. in  
Medical Cart. At 8 am 25th inst, C.R.A. & G.O.C. hand over to  
34th French Division.
- (2) Locations will be :-  
25th. I & K Subsections, RIVERY. J Subsection, CAYEUX.  
~~8 am, 25th. D.H.Q. BERTANGLES or BUSSY. ALLONVILLE~~  
pm, 25th. D.A.H.Q. CAMON.  
26th. Div. Reinf: Wing & Railhead. POULAINVILLE.  
D.A.D.O.S. CAMON.  
Mob. Vet. Sec. M 3 c 8 0.  
Div. Salv. Coy. VAIRE.
- (3) March on 25th inst:- Order 1 K, K.H.Q., 2 K, RAP.  
1 K will march at 3 pm due North to 31 c where C.O. will take the  
Column. K.H.Q. will leave GUILLAUCOURT at 3.15 pm, proceed via  
fields to 31 c. 2 K will march at 2.40 pm via W 26 a, 20a,  
13 b, 7 a and fall into Column.
- (4) No lorry roads to be used where avoidable: grass roads to be used  
in preference to dusty tracks: when in open country serrefiles  
should supervise from right flank, not more than 20 yards out.  
No more than two men to ride on A.L.Ws, taking turns, and two on  
G.S.Ws: dismounted men to be distributed as brakesmen.  
For trotting on the march names of lead drivers will be taken and  
the cases brought before C.O. in evening: the names of N.C.Os  
present allowing such, will be handed in to C.O.
- (5) Technical Store teams of 1 K & 2 K to report to R.S.M. at 2.45 pm.  
A horsed ground scout of 2 K on 25th will report to C.O. at 2.30 pm  
at K.H.Q., & a messenger of 1 K on 26th to C.O. at 9.50 am at  
Starting Point.
- (6) All bivouac latrines etc on 25th & 26th to be filled in: certificates  
stating no stores are left behind to be rendered on evening of 26th.  
Full ammnn echelons to be carried, except detached or deficient wagons.
- (7) Advance parties of Adjut & 2 O.Rs per Section will report to Area  
Comdt, CORBIE at 2 pm 25th. Party will rendezvous at LAMOTTE-en-  
Santerre Church at 12.30 pm. Guides will wait on WARFUSEE -  
FOUILLOY Road close to turn off to bivouacs.
- (8) March on 26th. Order, 2 K, K.H.Q., 1 K, R.A.P.  
Unless further orders are given 2 K will pass O 10 b 9 8 at 9.52 am:  
route AUBIGNY-VECQUEMONT- sqs N 11 West to M 11 - CAMON - LONGUEAU.
- (9) Wagon groups of 6 vehicles to maintain the 50 yds distances: each  
to stop at 10 minutes to each hour, except when in or blocking a  
village, when if necessary they will draw out & park in a field,  
temporarily. Watches to be synchronized at 9 am 25th by all  
Officers and N.C.Os.
- (10) Water supply will be ( D.R.O. 147) from wells and standpipes in  
vicinity of Billets: Os.C. Units will be responsible for picqueting  
Water Points etc where necessary, to prevent waste. Horses to be  
watered by bucket or trough: if extra troughing is required it is  
to be reported through K.H.Q. to Div.

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BRIEF NARRATIVE of OPERATIONS of AUG.7th.- 10th. 1918. inclusive.

(In reply to A/114)

I. D.A.C. Factors prior to Attack of 7th/8th.

Sufficient Warning of Operation was given to allow of complete preparations in detail, & duties & positions at various hours of individuals: & to allow of full supply of ammunition to be deposited in the secret positions and at same time allow a period of rest for the animals before their march out at Zero.

Secrecy appeared to be generally well maintained by subordinates and ranks, & a sensible conception of the task, & preliminary arrangements which were many.

Strengths of personnel & animals were good.

Ammunition to be deposited was 640 rds. per 18-pr. & 582 per Howitzer to be completed on night of 5/6th.: total 23040, 18-pr. and 6984 How.: D.A.C. carried approx. 1/3 of this.

On 6th. inst. position of 1st. Dump & Bivouacs immediately after attack were selected & signboards erected.

II. Prior to & during Attack night 7/8th.

Aug.7th. I moved up with small field staff & the Technical Stores Wagons, and dug in adjoining the proposed New Dump at J 32 c 8 5, VAIRE, on which were the 38th. Bty. Guns. Most Btys. were acquainted with this position of Stores during the night.

III. THE OPERATIONS.

Aug.8th. 12.15 a.m. Instructions received to provide two Officers and detachments for two 15-pr antitank guns, to be found in rear of HAMEL, & taken over from 3rd. Aust. Div. at Zero plus 4 hrs.: and to be ready to move them forward when ordered.

4 a.m. Dark and apparently misty. No enemy shells fall near Dump during night.

4.20 a.m. Zero hour: barrage commenced on North of River by some three seconds. No return fire from enemy.

Zero plus 60 mm. 1st. batch of prisoners (about 16) approached VAIRE: Mist obscured party at 15 to 20 yds.

Zero plus 120 mm. or about: 10th. A.F.A.Bde. teams & limbers come up in succession of Batteries from the rear & move forward in the mist.

No technical stores were asked for or appeared to be required during this phase of the Operations. I commence to salve cables, camouflage etc abandoned on Bty. positions.

Zero plus 140mm. No.1 Section arrives followed by No.2: the Dump Officer, Lt. Mein, & personnel allot tracks & spots for depositing ammunition: each sub-section allied to its Bty. of 10th. or 11th. Bde. has it's allotted task in, normally, dropping it's echelon of 6 Amm. Limb. Wagon loads on the Dump & collecting at once the ammn. abandoned. The Howitzer Sub-sections form bivouac on the 110th. & 111th. Bty. positions behind HAMEL Ridge & stack neatly & camouflage the rds. & charges left.

A refill of ammn. is asked for by some Btys. early in the day & these are sent to B.W.Ls. vicinity GAILLY & South of same.

9 a.m. Dump is connected by telephone & now constitutes A.R.P.. Some Battery positions are cleared.

1 p.m. I ride out with messenger staff & view roads & tracks running Easterly in view of further advance of Sections & A.R.P. Appears to be one road only - running parallel with river - in very good state -, but once the front line trenches are passed the open country appears suitable for transport work.

2 p.m. 60 lorries commence to arrive at A.R.P. with more ammn.

3 p.m. Antitank guns found- Officers report, no crews with them: they are in pits requiring 3 to 4 hours digging ramps to haul them out Limbers found eventually in FOUILLOY. After dark Guns were ordered forward & I allot vicinities Q 23 Q 24 & personal reconnaissance forward of these.

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Brief Narrative of Operations of Aug. 7/10th. 1918, inclusive.

## III. Continued:-

The S.A.A. Section are at AUBIGNY with S.A.A. & Grenade dump at FOUILLOY: I Sub-section delivers 14 wagon loads of ammn. to 4th. Infty. Bde. under Lt. Hutchinson, leaving at 8 a.m., 5 of the wagons unloading after being fired on by the enemy, in the red line, arriving back at AUBIGNY at 5 p.m.: & starting again at once with 14 more wagons, unloaded them between MORCOURT & MERICOURT & arrived back at midnight: J Sub-section, under Lt. Elliston delivered 14 wagon loads between 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. at WARFUSEE ABANCOURT, & a similar amount between 7.30 p.m. & 3.30 a.m. (9th. inst.)

During 8th. inst. 2,0'ranks (N.C.Os.) were wounded, one of whom died on 9th. inst.: and one A.L. Wagon complete with equipment is transferred to 38th. Bty.

Aug. 9th. 9 a.m. VAIRE; Weather fine.

I leave with S.C.R.A. & M.T. Officer & a new A.R.P. is selected near GAILLY X roads at Q 7 a 3 4, about 3 miles by road.

10 a.m. I lead up an M.T. convoy of 13-pr. ammn. taking A.R.P. Officer & a party to erect signboards.

11 a.m. Issue orders to D.A.C. to advance at 4 p.m. to GAILLY: advantages being, proximity to river for the animals, & to A.R.P. for refilling.

3 p.m. Am given position of front line North of River & issue message to Sections promulgating this, cancelling move forward, and forbidding watering of horses forward of Q 2 central.

Arty. Ammunition delivered to 10th. & 11th. Bdes. from noon 7th. inst. to 6 p.m. 9th. inst.:-

3436 Shrap & 2508 H.E. to 18-pr. B.W.Ls. & 900 how. rds.,  
total 6844 rds.

Aug. 10th. VAIRE to GAILLY. Weather fine.

Both A.R.Ps. are well stocked; classes include 18-pr. Shrap, H.E., & Smoke: Howitzer H.E., & Gas: and 13-pr.

The O.C. A.R.P. has telephone at GAILLY.

At 2.30 p.m. I issue Order No.22 giving front line: ordering move forward at 4 p.m.; leaving guards on VAIRE & A.R.P., & Howitzer dumps and ordering all gas shell to be placed part on VAIRE & part on GAILLY Dumps.

5 p.m. Am located on telephone at GAILLY A.R.P.; No.1 Section at P 11 d, & No.2 at P 6 c, awaiting orders to follow the Batteries North of the SOMME.

Trench Mortar ammunition is sent forward at 8 p.m., & at 9 p.m. I reconnoitre the approaches to & bridges at CERISY.

At 11.10 p.m. orders are received that D.A.C. will not cross the river to-night.

Sections are in touch with their B.W.Lines & also deliver direct to 11th. Bty. position. 11th. Bde. W.L. Officers state supply is satisfactory.

S.A.A. Section is still at AUBIGNY & is to move to VAUX-sur-SOMME on 11th.

Wounded in action on 10th. inst. 2,0'ranks, (1 N.C.O. evac. & 1 gunner returned to duty.)

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