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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*No 3 Aust. M.T. Coy*

FOR

*December 1918*

Signature of Officer compiling

*James Greber Lieut*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*Arthur S. Harper Capt.*



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Lelateau	December 1st to 17th inst.		<p>No 3 Aust. M.T. Coy Headquarters, supply section, workshops, and transport sections stationed 'as per margin'. On 2-12-18 the 4th Aust M.T. Coy took over the work for the 4th Aust. Division and this unit was switched on to the work for the 5th Aust. Divn.</p>	
Solvre de Chateau	18-12-18		Headquarters together with the whole of the unit moved from Lelateau to Solvre de Chateau.	
	1-12-18 to		<p>Changes in officers:- 9-12-18 - 2nd Lieut McMillan A.L. transferred to 5th Aust. M.T. Coy 24-12-18 - Major Lyons M.M.S. evacuated to Hospital</p>	
	31-12-18		<p>Strength:- Struck off:- 10 other Ranks to Hospital Brought on:- 2 " " from other units 6 " " from Base</p>	
			<p>Discipline:- excellent. 6 minor crimes. Leave 1 officer 35 other Ranks to U.K. 10 other Ranks to Paris</p>	



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<p><i>Le Cateau and Solre de Chateau</i></p>	<p><i>1-12-18</i></p>		<p><i>No 3 Aust. M.T. Coy. <u>Transport</u></i></p> <p><u>Evacuations of Vehicles :-</u>  <i>5-12-18 - Daimler Car 20 H.P., closed, WDNo 14416 evacuated 2nd ASC Rouen</i></p> <p><u>Replacements :-</u>  <i>12-12-18 - Daimler "V" 3 Ton Lorry WDNo 13466 from 5th Ave. Petrol Coy.                      9-12-18 - Daimler C.B. 30 cwt " " 11355 "                      26-12-18 - Vauxhall 25 H.P. open car " 55965 " 22nd Corps Troops MT Coy</i></p> <p><u>Motor Cycles :-</u>  <i>2 Motor Cycles - Triumph - received from Base 20-12-18                      as spares for 5th Div. Sig. Coy.                      1 Motor Cycle - Triumph - evacuated to Base 12-12-18</i></p>								
	<p><i>to</i></p> <p><i>31-12-18</i></p>		<p><u>Workshops:</u>                      During the month of December the following vehicles passed through the workshops for repair.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><i>Lorries</i></td> <td><i>154</i></td> <td><i>cars</i></td> <td><i>23</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Ambulances</i></td> <td><i>22</i></td> <td><i>bicycles</i></td> <td><i>20.</i></td> </tr> </table>	<i>Lorries</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>cars</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>Ambulances</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>bicycles</i>	<i>20.</i>
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Le Cateau	1-12-18		<p><u>Supplies</u>                      Railhead: <u>Le bateau</u>. Supplies drawn by M.T. from Section 15 and delivered to 4th Aust. Divn in <u>Sains</u> area. These supplies were for consumption on the 2nd inst.</p>	
	2-12-18		<p>Railhead - <u>Vauc-Andigny</u>. Supplies drawn from Section 52 and issued to 5th Aust. Divn at <u>St. Souplet</u>, <u>Mazinghem</u>, <u>La Broise</u> and <u>Favril</u>. 12th A.B.A.F.A. attached. These supplies were for consumption on the 4th inst.</p>	
	3-12-18		<p>Railhead: - <u>Vauc-Andigny</u>. Supplies drawn by M.T. from Section 52 for 5th Aust. Division, and delivered to Brigades.</p>	
Le Cateau	5-12-18		<p>on the 5th inst twenty-four lorries were sent to J 36 A 55 (map 57A) to clear an Army Dump but on arrival there the supplies were found to have been cleared the previous day to <u>Leugnies</u>. Light loads of supplies were collected from other dumps in the vicinity and the remaining sixteen lorries returned to <u>Vauc-Andigny</u> and the issue was completed from the <u>Jack Train</u> at midnight.</p>	
	6-12-18		<p>Railhead: <u>Le Cateau</u> Section 52 by M.T.</p>	
	to		<p>The train arrived at Railhead on 6th at 2-30pm, 7th at 9pm</p>	
	9-12-18		<p>8th at 2pm and on the 9th no train arrived at all.</p>	



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Headquarters			No 2 Dist. M.T. Coy	
Leateau	10-12-18		Railhead: - <u>Leateau</u> . Section 52 by M.T. <u>Supplies</u> The train due on 9th arrived at 9am on 10th and was immediately cleared, the lorries returning to clear the train of the 10th which arrived at 3pm.	
	11-12-18		Railhead: - <u>Leateau</u> . Section 52 by M.T. The train arrived at 10 P.M. and was cleared at 11 pm.	
Leateau	12-12-18		Railhead: - <u>Landreies</u> . Section 52 by M.T. on 13th train arrived at 12 noon on 14th at 1 pm & on 15th 9am. Coal 63½ Tons Wood 37½ Tons during the period. Issues to 5th Division, 12th A.B.A.F.A., 6th A.B.A.F.A. and 3rd Div. Troops.	
	17-12-18		Railhead: - <u>Beaumont</u> . Section 52 by M.T. to all formations. Rum, 192 gallons issued.	
Sobri-Le-Chatteau	18-12-18		Railhead: - <u>Beaumont</u> . Section 52 by M.T. to all formations	
	19-12-18		No supply train arrived at Railhead.	
	20-12-18		Railhead: - <u>Beaumont</u> . Section 52. M.T. for 5th Div. Troops, 15th Brigade, 3rd Div. Troops and 12th A.B.A.F.A. A.T. for 8th and 14th Brigades. Supplies issued from Pack train of 20th inst.	
	21-12-18			



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Headquarters			No 3 Aust. M.T. Coy <u>Supplies</u>	
	22-12-18		Railhead: - <u>Beaumont</u> Section 52	
	23-12-18		Supplies issued from pack of 21st. which arrived on 22nd inst. Pack of 22nd arrived late on 23rd and loading commenced at 5 o'clock, finishing at 1am on 24th inst.	
	24-12-18		Railhead yard very bad and unsafe for lorries to be in at night. Three lorries were badly bogged during the night and were extricated after great difficulty.	
	25-12-18		Rum, 200 gallons issued. Plum Puddings issued to all formations	
	26-12-18		Pack of 23rd cleared during the morning Coal 15½ Tons Coke 2½ Tons	
	27-12-18		Pack of 24th arrived during the night 23rd-24th. and drawing commenced at 8 am. Coal 9½ Tons	
	28-12-18		During this period the supply train was twentyfour hours late every day, so that the supply pack due to arrive on the 30th was not cleared until the 31st, and at the beginning of the new year - the first - the train of the 31st was issued.	
	31-12-18		Coal 42½ Tons during period. Rum, 200 gallons issued on 29th inst.	

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OF

*No 3 Aust. Mech. Trans Coy*

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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*Mileage records*

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UNIT *No 3 Ammunition Coy*DIARY APPENDIX NO. 1 FOR MONTH OF *December 1918*

Date	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Date	Loads Amm.	R.E. Work	Supply	Stores	Person'l	Various	Total Loads Done	Total Lorries Out	Miles Run Full	Miles Run Empty	Petrol Issued	Lorries Av'able Not used	Lorries Under Repair	Lorries D'tach'd
1st	-	-	26	4	-	9	39	38	1198	1223	541	-	15	28
2nd	-	-	36	3	-	16	55	54	680	726	311	2	14	11
3rd	-	-	39	3	12	10	60	55	1154	1323	553	-	15	11
4th	-	-	44	2	24	11	81	52	1100	1265	541	5	14	10
5th	-	-	43	3	-	20	66	51	1106	1374	579	5	14	11
6th	-	-	36	3	-	12	51	41	419	390	158	15	14	11
7th	9	-	28	3	-	14	54	52	720	739	363	3	13	13
8th	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	13	15
9th	-	-	42	3	-	-	45	45	869	868	421	3	13	20
10th	3	-	29	4	-	5	41	37	795	797	375	4	13	28
11th	-	-	22	2	-	2	26	35	579	372	247	2	14	28
12th	-	-	45	2	7	6	60	49	494	1795	662	1	13	20
13th	-	-	33	2	-	6	41	34	780	1336	504	9	16	19
14th	4	-	31	2	-	4	41	41	485	1000	207	6	14	22
15th	1	-	35	2	-	3	41	41	463	816	292	6	14	22
16th	-	-	31	3	-	4	38	40	660	1135	419	11	14	18
17th	-	-	35	2	-	9	46	44	636	931	365	2	14	20
18th	-	-	27	2	-	10	39	45	947	228	241	-	14	24
19th	-	-	33	2	-	8	43	42	915	320	292	-	13	26
20th	-	-	33	2	-	17	52	41	1253	1237	579	-	14	28
21st	-	-	32	3	-	2	37	33	549	558	243	3	14	31
22nd	-	-	40	4	-	-	40	30	892	853	411	-	10	37
23rd	3	-	-	-	8	5	16	11	741	360	253	22	16	29
24th	2	-	43	4	8	5	62	34	1126	1247	536	-	20	29
25th	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26th	-	-	40	5	-	6	51	36	1130	1146	490	-	16	19
27th	-	-	25	2	-	-	27	30	403	428	199	6	20	17
28th	-	-	5	3	8	1	17	33	262	776	219	7	28	17
29th	-	-	26	3	-	2	31	31	372	366	168	6	28	18
30th	-	-	24	2	-	2	28	26	405	370	170	6	23	28
31st	-	-	23	4	-	1	28	26	309	357	142	8	25	24
Total	22	-	906	79	69	190	1764	1132	22711	24344	15671	186	502	634

A.I.F. P.S.—A/3—8-18

*Approx mileage as measured by odometer,  
 loaded 12/1/18 to empty 12/31/18.*