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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Supplies & Transport

Item number: 25/27/16

Title: 1st Australian Divisional Supply
Column

February 1917



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IN THE FIELD

Place

Date

Hour

1/3/17

9.A.M.

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LOCATION

Location and Railhead same as for last month.

Owing to the Horse Transport drawing the Supplies for the three Bregades only a small portion of the M.T. Column has been used by the Division; nevertheless all available lorries have been kept constantly employed, some by S.M.T.O's instructions for Corps Troops Supplies, and a great number carting loose straw, this being used by the Div. Infantry in billets.

The heavy frost which was experienced last month continued up to the 17th. ~~1916~~ and the roads have been in excellent order for M.T. work.

On the 17th. ~~1916~~ a gradual thaw had set in, and necessitated the taking off the road of all M.T. vehicles, except those on very urgent work.

This has been a great opportunity for the Workshops to take in hand minor repairs and overhauls which it was impossible to do had the lorries been running.

The new organisation of M.T. commenced from the 10th. ~~1916~~ and our establishment was reduced by One Workshop Officer, and 16 other ranks and by One Workshop and Four lorries Transport.

Our Supply Section continue to unload from the Supply Trains, and since the thaw have had their days work considerably increased by having to march to the Railhead.

The health of the Unit as a whole has been very satisfactory, considering the intense cold which has been experienced.

The food has been plentiful, and of excellent quality and has been considerably augmented by the purchase locally of extras, out of Regimental funds.

The clothing has also been good, and plentiful, which has assisted materially in the upkeep of health of the troops.

Summary of Events and Information

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

WAR DIARY

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