

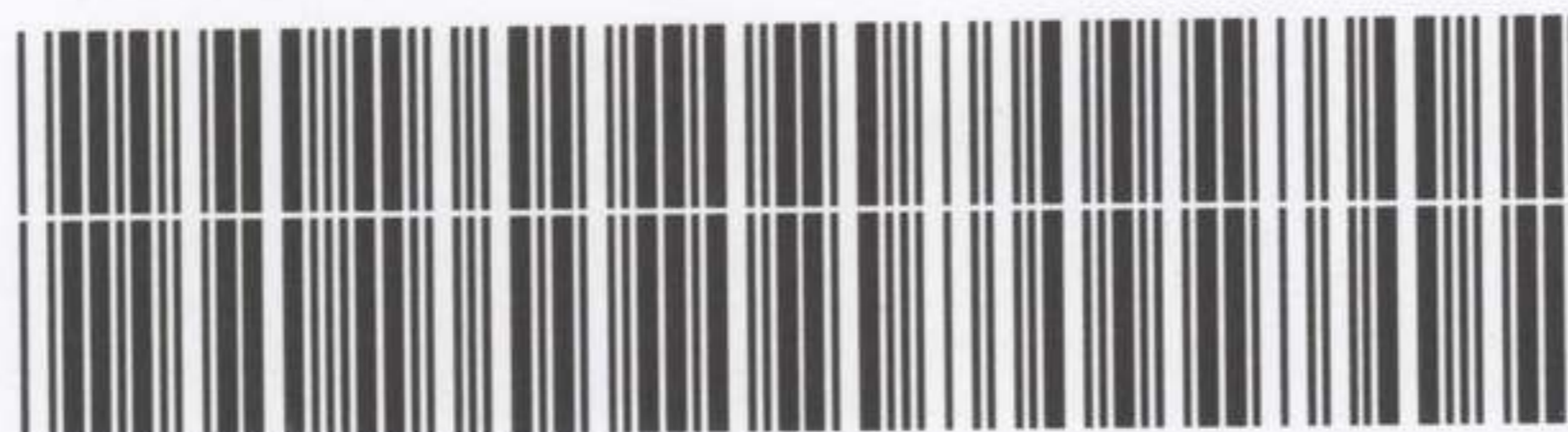
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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,**  
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**Title:** 1st Australian Divisional Supply  
Column

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## 1ST AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SUPPLY COLUMN

In the field,  
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30/4/16

9-30 p.m.

Place

Date

Hour

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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## WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Location. 1st to 18th inst, FLEETRE ; 19th to 30th inst., NEUF BERQUIN, I 14 e 5 8., Sheet 36a. Lorries parked on North side of road, Workshop stands in village square. Railhead. 1-18th inst, STEENWERCK; 19-30th inst, Bac St Maur. Roads. Good, both before and after change of location. Organization. On 2nd inst, in addition to detached lorries from this Unit being required for baggage and stores of 1st Aust. Division, (See War Diary M.E. 31/3/16) the work of transporting supplies for that Division was commenced, the Issue places at first being EBLINGHEM, STRAZEELE, MERRIS, and LA GRECHE. these were changed from time to time to suit the movements of troops, till the 19th inst., till which time it will be seen my Unit was performing a dual duty, with relation to the 1st and 17th and 1st Australian Division, transporting Coal, Ordnance, Mails and Vegetables and carrying out Railhead Supply Duties for the former, in addition to the above outlined duties, including transport of fuel and ordnance, for the latter.

On the 19th inst., I received instructions to change designations and locations with the 2nd Australian Div. Supply Column, and accordingly moved my column to NEUF BERQUIN, its present location. On the same day, later, I received instructions that the designation of my Unit had been again changed, this time to 1st Australian Divisional Supply Column--the title under which it was originally organized in Australia.

The Officers, non-commissioned Officers and a number of the men are billeted, whilst the balance, being drivers, sleep on their lorries.

At present, and since arrival here, the loading is from Railhead trucks to ~~supply~~ Train wagons, so, with the exception of those vehicles required for detached and other duties, my lorries remain parked, loaded with preserved rations.

On 20/4/16, a Field Ambulance Workshop Unit of 1 Officer and 17 Other ranks was attached to form the Advanced Workshops of my Unit.

On 21/4/16, I received <sup>instructions</sup> from Headquarters 1st ANZAC, to improvise a Corps Troops Supply Column. ~~Lieut Hutchinson, to command~~ Capt Goddard to command, Lieut Hutchinson to be Transport Officer, warrant Officer Seymour to be Supply Officer, with 12 Other ranks, were temporarily seconded from my Unit for duty with the Improvised C.T.S.C.

The vehicles were as follow:- 4 from my Unit, 2 from ANZAC Headquarters, 1 from 34th Amm. Sub Park, and 1 from 23rd Siege Battery R.G.A. The 6th Australian Depot Unit of Supply was also posted to me, for absorption into the Improvised C.T.S.C. Within 24 hours, the Unit was formed, and consolidated indents for rations forwarded to the R.S.O. for the loading next morning.

On 29/4/16, in compliance with instructions from 1st Australian Division, 6 lorries were detailed to report daily at Hazebrouck Garage Railhead for transporting Supplies of the New Zealand Division.

Health etc. The health of the Unit still continues to be very good; camp sanitation receives careful attention. The food issued is very good, and clothing suitable and satisfactory.

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