

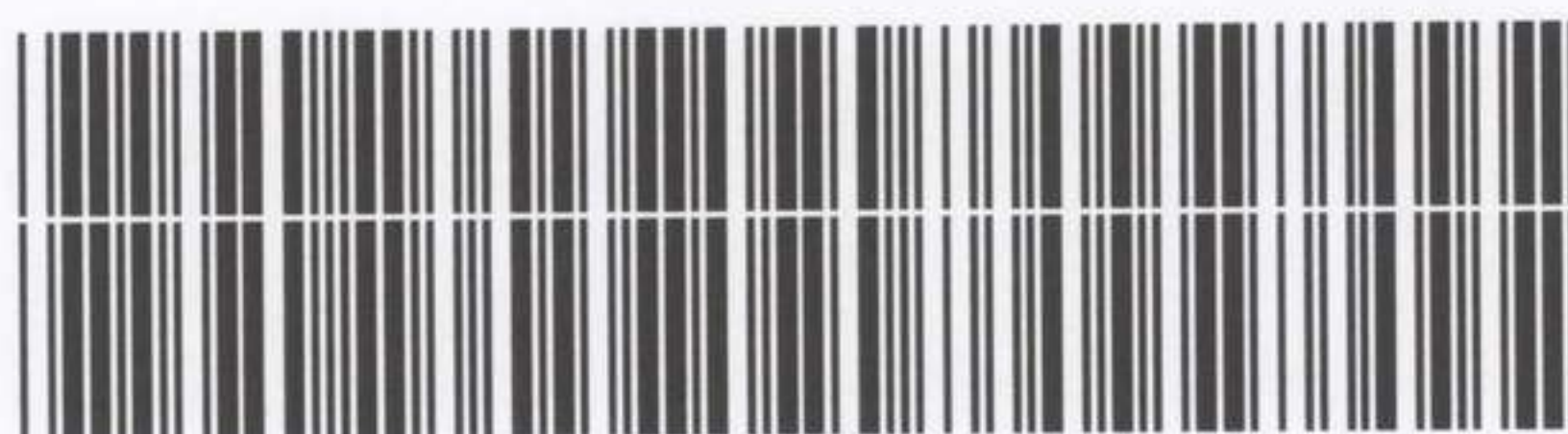
AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

Supplies & Transport

Item number: 25/27/9

Title: 1st Australian Divisional Supply
Column

July 1916



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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.

WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118

Place Date Hour

In the field,

1/8/16

9 a.m.

1875
Wt. W. 593/826
1,000,000
4/15
J.B.C. & A.
A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.

1/7/16-10/7/16. Railhead and location as reported for June 1916.
11/7/16. Moved to CANAPLES and camped overnight by the roadside.
12/7/16. Moved to VIGNACOURT and established camp about 1 1/2
kilometers west of the town. Railhead, VIGNACOURT. Time of loading, midnight.
Supplies issued at various places to conform with the movements to
wards the front line trenches, of the Brigades of the 1st Aust. Div.
20/7/16. This Unit moved to RUBEMPRE. Officers' billets.
Headquarters Office and Quartermaster's store were established
in buildings in the town. The column parked and the remainder of
the Unit camped about 1 Kilometer north of the town on the
West side of the road. On and after date, Railhead became ACHEUX.
Time of loading 3 a.m.
22/7/16. In accordance with instructions from Headquarters 1st.
A.N.Z.A.C. 20 lorries are to be detailed daily for the evacuation
of wounded from Tramway Dump Dressing station, ALBERT to ~~WADSWORTH~~
VADENCOURT (serious stretcher cases to WARLOY.) Of these 20
lorries, 14 were on day work and (except on 23/7/16 when there
were 20) 6 lorries, with the addition of 4 from A.N.Z.A.C.
Troops Supply Column and 2 busses from 16th. Aux. bus Co., on night
work. The lorries from this Unit were required to proceed to
Railhead by 3 a.m., load and deliver supplies and afterwards
proceed to rendezvous for duty in connexion with wounded.
This duty of evacuation was carried on uninterruptedly till
8 p.m. on 27/7/16.

The Medical Officers at the Tramway Dump Dressing station
had only a small staff so that the lorry drivers were able to
render valuable aid in connexion with the handling of the wounded,
in addition to giving the necessary attention to their vehicles.
29/7/16. On and after date, railhead became VIGNACOURT. Time of
loading, 7 a.m. Today, the Unit moved to Canaples, and parked on
the eastern side of the road in the town. Officers' billets,
Headquarters Office, Q.M. Store were established in town buildings.
30/7/16. With the exception of those with supplies for D.T's., and
those on duty in connexion with Ordnance, Mails, Fuel, etc.,
the lorries of the column will remain on and after date, parked
loaded with preserved rations.

GENERAL. The health of the Unit continues to be very good.
The daily sick parade does not exceed point 5% daily. Food
and clothing are satisfactory in every respect.

While located at RUBEMPRE it will be seen that, with the
additional duties thrown upon the column, vehicles and drivers
were subjected to long periods of continuous work. Having now
withdrawn to the reserve area, every opportunity is being taken
to ensure by means of an overhaul in the workshops that each
vehicle is in good repair and ready for ~~any~~ emergency.

Lt. Col.

Comd'g. 1st. Aust. Div. Supply Column.

Remarks and
references to
Appendices