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WAR DIARY

OF

4th Aust Div Supply Column

FOR

FEBRUARY 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

Leslie Logan Lewis

Signature of Officer Commanding

Perman for Major

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BAILLEUL - LOCKRE ROAD	1/2/18		<p>Fine day. Received report that Dr. Martin who was posted as a deserter was admitted to Hospital but unit was not notified.</p> <p>Supplied K Supply Column with particulars of D. H. Q. and sig. cars.</p> <p>Strength. 227 227. 1 OK admitted to Hosp. 1 OK ret'd from Hosp.</p> <p>Lorries on Column strength 56 including 2 work shops, 2 store lorries & 2 first aids.</p> <p>Work:- 4 lorries with Div. Ord. 2 with Div. postal. 4 with D.H.Q.</p> <p>2 on Supply duties 5 on stone work for roads. 1 on Column duty conveying rations & water, and 3 on general transport duties. Mileage 366. Petrol used 90.</p>	ph
	2/2/18		<p>Fine day. Handley Page flying machine landed near camp. The first seen in this area. All headqrs & signal cars inspected by L. O. K. Supply Column. Very favourable report sent in. Bulletin received from D. G. 2. re economy in petrol & oils. etc.</p> <p>Strength. 227 226. 2 OK admitted to Hosp. (sick).</p>	

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BAILLEUL - LOCRE ROAD	2/2/18		<p>Lorries:- 4 with Div Ord. 2 with Div Postal. 4 with DHD</p> <p>2 on Div Supplies 1 on column duty 5 on General Transport</p> <p>Merchandise 339 Petrol 106. Air raid during night.</p> <p>5 lorries on Stone.</p>	ph
	3/2/18		<p>Fine day. D.C. went to Gen. 20. re applications for Aust Flying Corps. Replaced driver on Sanitary Section Car. Applied for authority to evacuate Wolseley Car on DHD.</p> <p>1 driver on leave admitted to Hospital. Strength 226.</p> <p>Lorries:- 4 with Div Ord. 2 with Div Postal. 4 with DHD.</p> <p>7 on Div Supplies 1 on col. duty. 7 on General Transport duty</p> <p>Merchandise 459. Petrol 142.</p>	ph

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BAILLEUL- LOCRE Road.	4/2/18		<p>Tuesday. Running reports from DMB not coming to hand. Hasteners sent. Notified Field Amb. impossible to supply relief drivers if they sent over their percentage on leave. Strength. 226. 2 OR ret'd from Hosp.</p> <p>Lorries:- 4 with Div Ord. 2 with Div Postal. 4 with DMB. 4 on Div Supplies 5 on Store. 1 on bol duty. 6 on General transport. Mileage 470 Petrol 126</p>	
	5/2/18		<p>Tuesday. D.M.T.S. visited the camp and long lines. Nominal roll of W.B.O's sent to K. Supply column. Instructions received re movement of trucks by lorries (see attached). Orders received that all potatoes must be cooked in their jackets to prevent waste. 1 OR admitted to Hosp (sick). Strength. 228. Lorries:- 4 with Div Ord. 2 with Div Postal. 4 with DMB. 4 with Div Supplies 5 on Store 1 on bol duty 2 on general transport. Mileage 445 Petrol 108.</p>	I.

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BAILLEUL- LOCRE Road.	6/2/18		<p>Fine day. Relieved all detached lorries so as they could be inspected & also to keep the drivers well disciplined.</p> <p>Sent relief Ford driver to Col. A.P.A.. Strength. 228. 10K from Hosp.</p> <p>Instructed all H.Q.'s & of Field Ambulance cars to report any message direct to D.O. of this unit.</p> <p>Lorries: - 40 on Div Ord. 20 on Div Postal 40 on D.H.Q. 30 on Supplies 5 on Stone for roads. 10 on column rations 5 on general transport. Mileage 430 petrol 12H.</p>	
	7/2/18		<p>Fine day. Col. Moore & K. inspected all Ambulance cars. Reported everything satisfactory & all cars in the best of order. Copy of repairs done on field Amb. sent to D.M. 2.S.</p> <p>Authority received for vaccination of Wolseley cars 17862.</p> <p>Disinfected all blankets of the unit. Notified on candidates required for Aust Flying Corps. Strength. 226.</p> <p>10K taken out from Base 2 OK admitted to Hosp (sick).</p>	

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BAILLEUL	2/28		Lorries out: - 4 with Div ord. 2 with Div postal 4 with D.D.O.	
LOCRE Road.			3 on Div supplies 5 on stones 1 on column rations and 1 on general transport. Mileage 400 petrol 102.	th
	8/28		Blondy. Sgt. Russell sent to 13th A.F.A. as 160 yds wide bathmobile evacuated sick. notified all ambulances that replacement of drivers evacuated or on leave must be applied for to this office. Reported D.D.O. relieving drivers without notifying the column. Sugar punnets issued at 150g. Strength. 226.	th
			Lorries out: - 4 with Div ord 2 with Div postal 4 with D.D.O. 3 on supplies 5 on stones for road. 1 on column rations and 6 on general transport. Mileage 465. petrol 110.	

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BAILLEUL - LOCRE Road	9/2/18		<p>blondy & showery. Strong wind during afternoon. 1 PR returned from Hospital. Strength. 226. Lorries out:- 4 with Div Ordnance. 2 with Div Postal. 4 with DSHQ. 3 on Div Supplies 5 on Stones for roads. 1 on column ration & petrol 6 on general transport mileage 482 petrol 130.</p>	th
	10/2/18		<p>blondy & showery. Very strong wind in afternoon. Notified all units units that no 2 men of this unit attached to them must wear this unit's colour patches. Strength. 227. Lorries out:- 4 with Div Ordnance 2 with Div Postal 4 with DSHQ 2 on Div Supplies 1 on column ration, water & petrol 12 on general transport. mileage 365 petrol 92.</p>	th

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BAILLEUL- ¹¹ / ₂ LOCKE Road.	11/18		<p>2nd day. 9 W.I. drivers attached duty and experience from A.B.R.B. all appear a good class of men and are capable drivers but mainly with light cars. Strength 226. 10R admitted to Hospital (sick). Lorrys out:- 4 with Div Ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with D.A.C. 5 on Div Supplies 1 on column duty and 3 on general transport. Mileage 475 petrol 116.</p> <p>Railhead inspected by S.B. & Supply columns. Report att.</p>	
	12/18		<p>2nd day. Received Purkers 3 ton lorry no 24550 from 4th A.I. S.B. in place of Haringcroft 28355 evacuated. Strength 233. Lorrys out:- 4 with Div Ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with D.A.C. 5 on Div Supplies 5 on Stores for roads 1 on column petrol rations etc. 12 on general transport. Mileage 1115 petrol 208</p>	<p>2th Appendix II</p> <p>2th</p>

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BAILLEUL-LOCRE Road.	13/4/18		2 fine day. Ferry to 28392 Longcroft 3 has evacuated to 3rd Ass. Repair shop. Strength. 2133. Lanes out:- 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with DAB. 2 on Div Supplies 5 on stones for roads 1 on column rations petrol etc 14 on general transport. Mileage 1293 petrol 260.	2h
	14/4/18		2 fine day. Lieut Logan proceeded on leave to Paris. Strength 2133. 20R. returned from Hospital. Lanes out:- 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with DAB. 2 on Div Supplies 5 on stones for roads 14 on general transport. Mileage 1444. petrol 258.	2h

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BAILLEUL- LOCKE Road.	15/18		<p>2 me day. Frost during night. Leave allotment increased to 3 every 2 days. 30 cwt Daimler 12541 att to signals evacuated & 3 ton Daimler 16311 received. up to this date no casualties to vehicles due to frost. Precaution taken as follows. - Thoroughly draining the water from such parts as Radiator, Cylinder jackets, water pump, induction (when water jacketed) & all piping. Bonnet covers always put on when parked & all petrol is removed from carburettor. Strength 285.</p> <p>Lorries out: - 4 with Div advance 2 with Div postal 4 with DASH. 200 Div Supplies 4 on road repairs 1 on column duty & 1 on general transport. 7 lorries standing by for Army purposes as per appendix I. Mileage 573. Petrol 138.</p>	

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BAILLEUL-LOCKERoad.	16/2/18.		<p>2</p> <p>Fine day. Fairly heavy frost in evening but no casualties to vehicles. Usual precautions taken.</p> <p>As a precaution, all drivers attention again drawn to speed regulations which for this area are as follows:-</p> <p>Motor cycles 25 mph. Cars - 20. Ambulances - 15. Lorries 8.</p> <p>Column strength 235. Lorries out:- 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div Postal 4 with D.H.Q. 2 on Div Supplies 4 on Stone for roads 1 on Column duty & 7 on general transport. Mileage 816 Petrol 170.</p> <p>10 lorries reserved for army purposes.</p>	
	17/2/18		<p>Fine sunny day. Held R.B. Church parade at 2.30pm.</p> <p>Strength 235. aamb. medical orderly att to this unit ret'd to Field Amb. Lorries out:- 4 with Div ord. 2 with Div Postal 4 with D.H.Q. 1 on Div Supplies 1 on Column duty and 5 on general transport. Mileage 370 Petrol 66</p>	

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BAILLEUL- LOCKRE Road	18/2/18.		<p>Fine day. nothing of any note to mention. Lorryes out:- 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with G.H.Q. 5 on Div supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on column rationals petrol & water & 10 on general transport. Mileage 879 petrol 448. Strength. 235.</p>	th
	19/2/18.		<p>Fine. 1 Sunbeam ambulance evacuated to 2nd Ash repair shop on account of the extensive nature of repairs required. Instructions given re safe keeping of motor cycles owing to the increased prevalence in loss of machines. Strength. 235. Lorryes out:- 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with G.H.Q. 3 on Div supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on column duty & 5 on general transport. Mileage 647. Petrol 150.</p>	th

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BAILLEUL- LOCRE Road S 3 central.	20 2/18.		Dull cloudy day. all P.H. gas helmets withdrawn & no longer to be carried. Strength 225. 1 OR to Hoop (sick) & new attached. Taken off strength. Lorries out: - 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with D.H. 4 on Div supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on column only 3 on general transport. 10 reserved for army. Mileage 694 petrol 170.	
	21/2/18.		Fine day. Medical orderly again attached to this unit from Field Amb. Strength 224. Nothing unusual occurred. Lorries out - 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with D.H. 1 on Div supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on column rations etc & 6 on general transport. 10 Reserved for Army. Mileage 762 petrol 186.	

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BAILLEUL- LOCKRE Road.	24/18		<p>Fine day. Applied for authority for issue of Box Car for Wireless Section of Div signals. Strength 23st.</p> <p>Forces out: - 4 with Div Ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with D.H.Q. 200 Div supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on petrol rations 11 on general transport.</p> <p>Mileage 889 petrol 286.</p>	
	25/18		<p>Fine day. Lieut Logan returned from leave to Paris Major Joss proceeded to Rouen to go through records at 3rd Echelon. 5 M.I. 2. Drivers attached for duty & instructions. Strength 23st.</p> <p>Forces out: - 4 with Div Ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with D.H.Q. 5 on Div supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on column duty 9 on general transport.</p> <p>Mileage 1010 petrol 287.</p>	



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BAILLEUL- LOCRE Road.	24/18.		<p>blondy & windy. Rain in evening. Check of petrol bins & cases returned to Railhead made. Found 100% of receipts returned. Strength 224. Loads out: - 4 with Div ordnance with Div postab 4 with DHD. 6 on Div Supplies 1 on column duty & 5 on general transport. Mileage 69. Petrol 184 </p>	
	25/18.		<p>Windy & showery. Hostile aircraft bombed vicinity of camp during night. Corps sports commenced. Strength 224. 30th ranks admitted to Hosp. Loads out: - 4 with Div ordnance with Div postab 4 with DHD. 6 on Div Supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on column duty 2 on general transport. Mileage 517 Petrol 112. </p>	

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BAILLEUL-LOCKRE Road.	26/2/18.		<p>Fine day. Imbels received to make steps for lorries so as to facilitate loading & unloading of troops.</p> <p>Major Joss returned from Rouen. Major Joss standing by for 24 hours as Senior M. J. Officer of convoy for movement of troops. Strength 2222</p> <p>Lorries out: - 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with D.H. 5 on Div Supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on column duty 5 on general transport.</p> <p>Mileage 788 petrol 88. Received Lumber and Ant no 15645 + 24</p> <p>Heavy with 2 types 2 on lorry no 26882 from 4th a.s.s. b.</p>	
	27/2/18.		<p>Fine day with cold wind. Division granted authority to use our lorries for supplies during their move. Strength 223 10R from H.A.</p> <p>Lorries out: - 4 with Div ordnance 2 with Div postal 4 with D.H. 9 on Div Supplies 5 on road repairs 1 on column ration etc & 7 on general transport. Mileage 733 petrol 210.</p>	

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BAILLEUL- LOCRE Road	28 2 28		<p>Fine day with occasional shower. Frost in evening. No damage to vehicles during month due to frost. Usual precautions taken. Received notifications that new gang v.t. leave must now be applied to A 27 Hqs London for meat cards. Started to cultivate spare land in camp & applied for necessary tools & seeds. Strength 223. 1 OR returned from Hosp. Butcher received from Base.</p> <p>Loans out: - 4 with Div advance 2 with Div postal 4 with DHD. 21 on Div supplies 5 on Road repairs 1 on column duty & 3 on general transport.</p> <p>Mileage 1072. Petrol 293.</p> <p>Attached is report from Supply officers re supplies handled by unit for the month. Appendix III</p> <p>also report of work done in this unit's workshops for the month. Appendix IV</p>	<p>III</p> <p>IV</p> <p>28.</p>

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OF

4th Aust. Div. Sup. Col.

FOR

February 1918

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for month.

S.M.T.O.
Australian Corps
No. AH/1101.

The following is forwarded for your information:-

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS BY LORRY IN THE ARMY AREA.

"1. From the date of this letter, each Corps will hold 110 lorries at the disposal of the Army for the purpose of rapidly moving troops in case of necessity from the back areas to the forward or Corps Areas.

These lorries must always be available to move to any given point in the Army Area 6 hours after receipt of a wire ordering them to "STAND BY".

2. Corps may make application to Army "Q" for the exemption of lorries in connection with their own requirements during an emergency but until Army authority is received, the 110 lorries must be available for Army detail. The release of these lorries will depend on the general situation.

3. (a) The 110 lorries of each Corps will, for this purpose, constitute a company under the command of a Senior M.T. Officer with a Motor Car. Each Company will consist of 2 half companies of 55 lorries, each of which will be moved independently if so required.

Half companies will consist of 2 Sections of 27 and 28 lorries respectively, each under the command of an Officer.

(b) When moving the following intervals will be maintained :-

Between half Coys. and Sections	100 yards.
" Groups	50 "
" Lorries	10 "

Groups will close up at EMBUSSING and DEBUSSING Points, but the intervals between half companies and sections will be maintained.

(c) Each lorry will carry a short ladder to facilitate the embussing of troops heavily equipped, and in addition two days rations for the drivers and reserve petrol for 100 miles.

(d) The Officer Commanding the Convoy will take the Brigade Commander in his car. Each lorry will carry 25 Officers and men.

4. A Convoy will consist of 165 lorries giving sufficient accommodation for the dismounted personnel of one Brigade Group.

5. Movement of troops by lorry will be carried out in accordance with Standing Orders 213 and 214.

6. If half companies only are required from Corps, the Senior M.Y. Officer present will take command of the whole convoy from the embussing point to the time he orders the convoy to disperse".

3/2/18.

H. J. ...
Colonel,
S.M.T.O., Australian Corps.

Copy to.
No. 4 Aust. D. S. Column.

AM/102/1

I beg to submit a report on my inspection of the Railhead loading by the Supply Section of No. 4 Aust. D. S. Column, commanded by Major A. Wymyard Jones, on 11/2/18.

Accompanied by Lieut. H. E. Hoyles, Supply Officer and Acting Adjutant, I proceeded to BRULOOZE Railhead where No. 4 Aust. D.S. Column are now loading.

Loading commenced at 10am, from Section No. 15 and is finished generally by about 11 am, except when it is necessary for part of the train to be shunted, when loading takes a little longer.

The strength of rations drawn as per A.F.W. 3317 were,

Mens Rations	-----	19147
Horse Rations, H.D.		804
do. L.D.		3298
do. Large Mules		251

The Issuers and Loaders work well and quickly: the general discipline of the men is excellent.

A surplus stock of Hay and Oats is carried by the R.S.O. thus minimising shortages on the Pack Train; so that Lorries used for Supplies are very few, and it is only occasionally that up to five are required either for collecting shortages from the Field Supply Depot or from other Railheads or to assist in clearing extra forage from the train.

The R. S. O. is very pleased with the General work of the Section and says that they are a great help to his work.

The road approaching the Yard, although narrow, is good and is well looked after regarding repair. Vehicles waiting to pull into the Yard are well under control and were kept well back from the entrance.

Major Sando, S. S. O. of the 4th. Divisional Train, accompanied me to the various dumps, and he reported that he was very well satisfied with the good and reliable work being done by the Section. The duty of visiting the dumps and receiving information from the Brigade Supply Officers is usually carried out by the Supply Officer of the Column, who on this occasion however had informed the S. S. O. that he had been instructed to attend a Court Martial. While at the dumps, the commodities arriving were found to be correct, this showing that the checking by the Column issuers at Railhead was correct.

The light Car from No. 4 Aust. Div. Supply Column allotted to the Supply Section, is used by the Supply Officer.

Signed. Alfred Moon Lt.Colonel
Comm'g. "K" Supply Column.

12/2/18.

The arrival of Army Form 3317 from the S. S. O. is the point at which the work of the Supply Section of the Column commences. This form sets out:-

- (a) The number of ordinary rations required by the three Brigades and Divisional Troops, for men and horses.
- (b) The authorised extra issues of Rum, Pea soup, Tea and Sugar required for men in Gun pits and trenches.
- (c) Quantities of Rations, if any held by the Group Supply Officers and not required by Units, which are to be underdrawn at Railhead the following day.

Attached to the AF 3317 is a list of Sundries (e.g. Petrol, Oil, Carbide, Disinfectant, Lamp Wicks, Seige Candles etc.) required. The papers usually reach the Column Supply Officer at 7 pm the day before the supplies are to be drawn. The Supply Clerk then works out as far as possible, the quantities of the different commodities and sets them out on the Divisional Loading table, which when completed shows the quantity of every commodity on issue to each formation on a given day.

The Divisional Loading table cannot be completed until the following morning at Railhead when the Waybills arrive showing exactly what has been packed at the Base for the Division. The meat rations may be made up of a certain percentage of Fresh meat supplemented with preserved meat, M & V, Pork and Beans, and sometimes Veal Loaf or even Herrings or Sardines. Occasionally Australian Rabbits contribute to the variety of this component, and the disposal of the Skins adds to the perplexities of Supply Officers.

The "Bread" may be partially Biscuit or Flour, or the 8 ozs of Vegetables may comprise varying proportions of Potatoes, Onions, Carrots or Cabbage, or Dried Vegetables. "Hay" may be Oaten or Wheaten straw.

Exactly what is available is ascertained by the Supply Clerk when he arrives at Railhead about three quarters of an hour before loading time and the blanks in the Loading Table are filled in. From this "Brigade Chits" are then made out. These are for the information of the Group Supply Officers and contain all the details of what each is to draw, notes as to the return of empties, or concerning any adjustment that has to be made from the previous day.

The Column issuers then have entered in their books the quantities of each commodity they are to issue to the formations the number of bales of Hay, bags of Oats, sides of Bacon, quarters of Beef or sheep. These issuers then take up their positions on the trucks with the R. S. O's men and the first formation to draw pulls into the yard and loading proceeds.

During the month of February supplies have been drawn from Railhead by Horse Transport of the 4th. Australian Divisional Train. Five Motor Lorries have been employed as required:-

- (a) to draw supplies not available at BRULOOZE Railhead from the Field Supply Depot or other Railheads or Corps Troops Supply Column.
- (b) To assist the Horse Transport to clear Fuel, extra forage, and vegetables from the Train to Brigade Dumps.
- (c) For long runs beyond the capacity of Horse drawn Vehicles.

Loading has commenced at 10 am when the 27th. Coy 4th. Aust. Div. Train draw for the 13th. Brigade, then follow 26th. 7th. and 14th. Coys drawing for the 12th. 4th. and Divisional Troops respectively.

Fuel has been cleared usually during the afternoon as trucks cannot be shunted in to position at BRULOOZE until about 2 pm.

(2)

While loading is proceeding the S. S. O's clerk is completing the sundries column of the 3317 which is checked by the C.S.O. and signed. The copy which the R.S.O. had received the previous evening from the S.S.O. is completed and signed by him and handed to the C. S. O. who forwards it together with Divisional Loading Slip and chits showing disposition of extra vegetables, Fuel etc. to the S. S. O.

During the afternoon the Divisional Troops and Brigade Dumps are visited by the C. S. O. who ascertains if the quantities shown on the Brigade Chits were checked off correctly at the Dumps, attends to any complaints as to the quality of Supplies, informs Group Supply Officers of Arrival of any extra forage, fuel or vegetables at Railhead, and gets particulars of demands for supplies which must be drawn else where than from Railhead.

This is normal system when loading with Horse Transport and until the last day of this Month there has been no departure made.

Dumps were as follows:-

4th. Brigade	BRULOOZE (until 22nd when moved to LA CLYTTE
12th. "	VEERSTAAT
13th. "	do.
Div. Troops	LA CLYTTE

On the 26th. the Division commenced to move from the line. The 12th. Brigade were the first to move from the forward area and on the 27th. it was necessary to clear their supplies to METEREN by Mechanical Transport.

On the 28th, the Railhead was changed to STEENWERCK and the 4th. and 12th. Brigade were supplied from there by M. T. The 6th. A. F. A. Brigade also drew for the first time with Division on this day using its own Horse Transport.

Supplies for the 4th. Brigade were dumped at LA CRECNE

The 12th. Brigade Dump was still at METEREN. The 13th. Brigade was attached to the 1st. Division and Mechanical Transport was supplied by this Column to draw the supplies from BRULOOZE, The dump is at LOCRE where the Brigade is in Reserve.

Attached is a statement showing quantities of supplies, fuel extra forage etc. handled during the month.

Date	Men	Hay	Calo	Colonia Honey	Colonia Honey	2 Fuel	Take out Remainder	Return
	Return	lbs	lbs			in Tons.		in lbs
1.2.18	19280	44020	47524					
2.2.18	14350	43900	47359			106		
3.2.18	18830	43900	47357					
4.2.18	18975	44020	47534	18475		17	1683	
5.2.18	18977	44150	47704		6600	86½		
6.2.18	18779	43820	47349					
7.2.18	18432	43750	47279					
8.2.18	18611	43850	47383					
9.2.18	18755	43840	47383			92½		
10.2.18	18622	43550	47069			38½		
11.2.18	19147	43530	47048	17920		14½	2012	
12.2.18	18810	43510	47040	44800	9800			
13.2.18	18829	43480	47000			22		
14.2.18	18908	43300	46725		12518			
15.2.18	18552	41140	43640			12		
16.2.18	18488	40960	43437					
17.2.18	18380	40970	43448			27½		
18.2.18	18324	40980	43438	44800		11½	4250	
19.2.18	18644	40820	43285		9900			
20.2.18	13950	41040	43566	11200		11½		
21.2.18	19037	40960	43436	22400				
22.2.18	18988	41030	43496				330	
23.2.18	19169	41010	43496			75½		
24.2.18	19501	40820	43281	27412			6600	
25.2.18	19308	40830	43291	11200	11000			4749
26.2.18	20830	55250	58251	32696		12½		
27.2.18	20836	55330	58341	6720				
28.2.18	10825	26040	26306					
	514137	1109810	1282468	237628	4881852	7½	6930	12694

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Total weight of kettles

Average fuel cost etc

hailed during month of

February.

Tons
2684.10.

Average per day.

96 Tons

Average strength of loading party.

30

Average per day per loader.

3¼ Tons.

During the Month of Feb. the following vehicles passed through the Workshop.

Lorries	85
Cars	24
Ambulances	30
Motor cycles	10
Total	<u>149</u>

17 of these were Engine overhauls.

Scoops were fitted to the connecting rods of 3 Thornycroft Lorries as an experiment to improve the oiling system which was found faulty owing the height of the oil pump above the level in the crankcase. An improvement was also made to the oiling system of 3 Ford ambulances a gauge strainer was fitted to the top of the oil feed pipe to prevent dirt being thrown up by the magneto & coil assembly, it has occurred on several cars that when the transmission bands become worn pieces fall into the sump & are thrown up by the magneto into the feed pipe, blocking same with the result of serious trouble, generally one or more bearings "run". This device has proved most satisfactory after two months trial.

Four ambulances were recovered & painted. Spare parts come to hand very well but much delay is caused by the fitters as 12 only are allowed by establishment to keep in repair 58 Lorries, 21 Ambulances, 13 cars, 1 box car, & 29 motor cycles. This is not sufficient men to keep the vehicles in first class order considering the nature of the roads, & the heavy work done by M.F. particularly the five cars on Head Quarters which require

constant repair.

The Drivers of all Vehicles which come into the Workshop give very valuable assistance with the minor repairs.

During the past winter months not one vehicle has been off the road due to damage by frost.

28/2/18.

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