

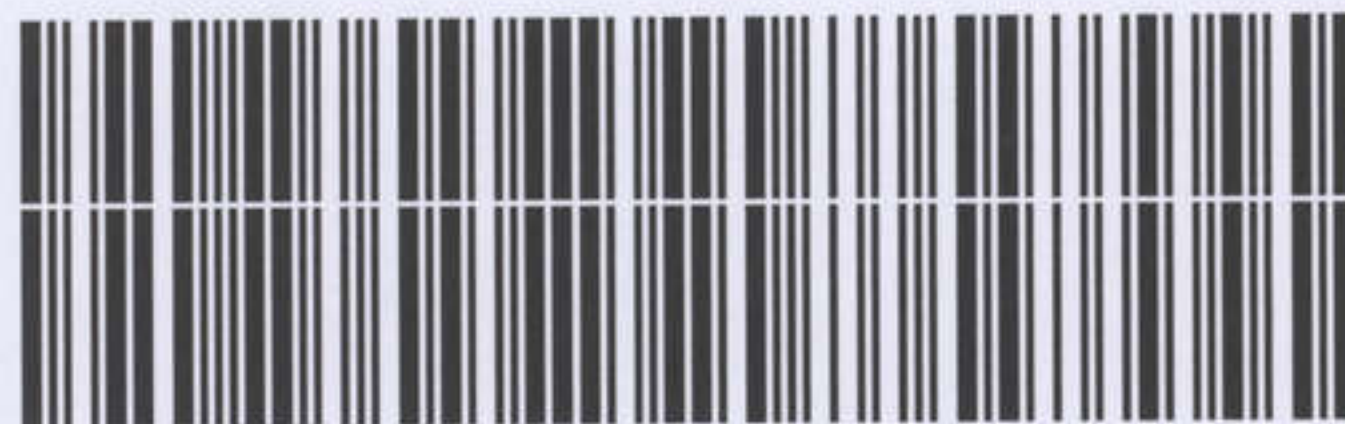
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1914-18 War

Railways

Item number: 15/4/14

Title: 3rd Australian Light Railway
Operating Company

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
France.	4.9.18		Company ordered to move out from Allouagne & take over work of operating lines in Nieppe Forest with I.C.E. power only. Camp site chosen on S.E. side of Nieppe Forest about 8 Kilometres West of Meville. Lines operated as shown in map attached marked "A"	
	7.9.18		Designation of Unit altered to 3 rd Aust. L. R. Forward Coy with a formation to provide for working in 4 Sections:- H.Q. Section and 3 Sub Sections each Sub Section capable of carrying on operating, constructing and maintaining lines, and carrying out all repairs required to Rolling Stock & power. Power in new formation limited to I.C.E. Engines - 20 HP Tractors and Wagons to 1 ton carrying capacity. Personnel of Unit - 12 Officers 269 other Ranks. Scope of operating:- Unit formed to be more mobile than a L. Rly. Coy and follow an advance more rapidly, and as far as possible each Sub Section to confine its services to a division of an Army Corps on their particular sector of the Army front.	
	9.9.18		Operation of Nieppe Forest taken over from 3 rd Forward Coy R.E.'s Construction of lines forward of Nieppe Forest to Meurillon and Neu/Berquin taken over from 3 rd Forward Coy R.E.'s	

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for DC 3rd Aust. L. R. F. Coy

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France	10.9.18.		Operation of section of line from St Vincent to Colonne taken over by Section of 1 HCO and 20 men.																			
	13.9.18		Construction & maintenance work of Area, in conjunction with 3rd Torways commenced Reconstruction of line Kippe Forest to Robermetz, Robermetz to Merville Junction completed during month.																			
	22.9.18		Company moved out from Kippe Forest to follow enemy retirement, and camp formed at Lestrems near Estaires and work of operating and reconstruction of German lines on 15 Delvas, 3 Kilometers South of Bac St Maur, also lateral line from Robermetz in N.E. to connect with 2nd Army carried as far as Neu Berquin, and high level bridge over canal at Les Puresbecques completed to carry heavy traffic. On account of enemy retirement these lines were then abandoned by this Company. Line reconstructed for months about 5 miles																			
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HEADQUARTERS, AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY COMPANIES.	
No.	6C
Date	1.9.18

O.C.,
3rd Aust. L.R.O. Coy.

Attached is draft of proposed Establishment for Headquarters and 3 Sections of Light Railway Forward Company, for your remarks. Please see how you can fit the present personnel of your Company into it and advise names, ages, trades, etc. of men who will not come in.

The officers can be left out for the present.
The Mounted Drivers will be detailed from the Aust. Corps.

The R.S.M. should be an energetic man who has good organising abilities.

In Traffic Sub-Section (H.Q.) the Controller W.O.II. should act as a Traffic Inspector. The Guards can be used for various duties if not required for train work.

The Military Foreman of Works should have a good general knowledge of engineering work and should be able to take charge of any working party on earthworks, railway construction breakdown etc. A N.C.O. with good experience in a Field Coy. should be a suitable man.

The Section Clerk will act as Q.M. of Section when necessary.

The Platelayers will generally have to take charge of parties of unskilled labour, so have been shown as Gangers and Platelayers. Some men able to do bridge carpentering and chainman's work should be included. When not on Construction some of these may be required to act as Guards.

1/9/18.

B. H. Hance Lt-Colonel.
C.O., Aust. Railway Companies.

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TOTAL TRADES (Combined 3 Sections)

TRADE	N ^o	W.O.2	Sqts	Cpls	2/cpls	Sprs.	Total	Remarks.
Mil. Foreman Works.	3	3	.	.	.	.	3	
Cooks	6	.	.	.	.	6	6	
Clerks	3	.	.	.	.	3	3	
Drivers	6	.	.	.	.	6	6	
Batmen	6	.	.	.	.	6	6	"B" class
Gangers & Platelayers	75	.	6	.	12	57	75	
Controllers & S.Ms.	15	3	6	6	●	.	15	
Traffic Clerks	6	.	.	.	3	3	6	
Guards & Shunters	27	.	.	.	3	24	27	
ICE drivers	54	.	3	18	24	9	54	
ICE Fitters	6	6	6	
	207	6	15	24	42	120	207	

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AUSTRALIAN LIGHT RAILWAY FORWARD COMPANY.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

DETAIL.	Personnel.								HORSES.			Motor Cycles.	Bicycles.
	Officer	W.O. Cl.1.	W.O. Cl.2.	Sergts	Corpl.	2/Cpl.	Other Ranks.	TOTAL.	Draught	Heavy Draught	TOTAL.		
Headquarters Section	3	1	2	3	7	7	38	61	4	2	6	2	1
3 Sections	9	-	6	15	24	42	126	216	12		12		3
Total.	12	1	8	18	31	49	158	277	16	2	18	2	4
Attached. A.A.S.C, M.T.							3	3					
Total incl. attd.	12	1	8	18	31	49	161	280	16	2	18	2	4

Distribution by Trades.

Headquarters Section													
(I) Administrative Sub-Section.													
Major (Coy Commander)	1							1					
Capt. (2nd in Com'd)	1							1					
Subaltern.	1							1					
R.S.M.		1						1					
C.Q.M.S.			1					1					
Farrier Sgt.			1					1					
Clerks			1				2	3					
Pay Clerk					1			1					
Surveyor & Draughtsman					1			1					
Duty & San'tn. N.C.O.					1			1					
Cooks						1	1	2					
Storemen						1	1	2					
Bootmaker							1	1					
Orderlies							3(a)	3					
Drivers (mounted)						1	2	3	4	2	6	2	1
Batmen							2(b)	2					
(II) Workshop Sub-Section.													
Foreman			1					1					
Fitters I.C.E.					1	1	9	11					
Blacksmiths					1		2	3					
" Strikers							3	3					
Wagon Repairer					1	1	5	7					
Copper & Tinsmith.						1		1					
Painter (Signwriter)							1	1					
(III) Traffic Sub-Section.													
Controllers & S.M's.			1		1	1		3					
Guards.							6	6					
Total H.Q. Section	3	1	2	3	7	7	38(c)	61	4	2	6	2	1

(a) Includes 1 A.A.M.C. Orderly.

(b) "B" Class personnel.

(c) Includes 3 Lance Corporals

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AUSTRALIAN LIGHT RAILWAY FORWARD COMPANY.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT. (continued.)

DETAIL.	PERSONNEL.								HORSES			Motor Cycles	Bicycles.
	Officers	W.O.Cl.1.	W.O.Cl.2.	Sergts.	Corpls.	2/Corpls.	Other Ranks.	TOTAL.	Draught.	Heavy Dght	Total.		
<u>SECTIONS. (3 such).</u>													
(1) <u>H.Q. Sub-Section.</u> Captain(O.C.Section.) Military Foreman of Works. Cooks. Clerk. Drivers (mounted) Batmen	1		1				2 1 (d)2 (b)2	1 1 2 2			4	1	
(11) <u>Construction Sub-Section.</u> Subaltern. Gangers & Platelayers	1			2		4	(e)19	1 25					
(III) <u>Operating Sub-Section.</u> Subaltern. Controllers & Stationmasters. Traffic Clerks Guards & Shunters I.C.E. Drivers I.C.E. Fitters	1		1	2	2	1 1 8	1 (f)8 3 2	1 5 2 9 18 2					
Total Section.	3		2	5	8	14	(c)40	72	4	-	4		1

(a) Includes 1 A.A.M.C. Orderly
(b) "B" Class Personnel.
(c) Includes 3 Lance Corporals.

(d) Includes 1 Lance Corporal.
(e) " 3 " "
(f) " 2 " "

AUSTRALIAN LIGHT RAILWAY FORWARD COMPANY.WAR ESTABLISHMENT. (continued).T R A N S P O R T.

DETAIL.	Vehicles.	Drivers	H O R S E S.		
			Draught.	Heavy Draught.	
<u>Headquarters Section.</u>					
Motor Lorries 3-ton	1	2(g)			
Box Cars 15-cwt.	1	1(g)			
Motor Cycles.	2				
Bicycles	1				
Wagons, G.S.	1	1		2	
Wagons, L.G.S.	1	1	2		
Water Cart.	1	1	2		
<u>3 Sections.</u>					
Bicycles.	3				
Pontoon Wagons (h)	3	6	12		
Total.	14	12	16	2	

(g) Attached from A.A.S.C., M.T.
(h) Without pontoon equipment.

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Loco. Supt.
 Traffic Supt.
 Tractor Supt.
 Statistical Officer.
 O.C. No.2. L.R.O.C.
 O.C. No.3. A.L.R.O.C. ✓
 O.C. No.22. L.R.T.C. Coy.
 O.C. No.33. L.R.O.C.
 O.C. No.3. Foreways Coy.
 O.C. No.8. Foreways Coy.
 C. T. C.

S.L.R.,
FIFTH ARMY.

No. 10

Date.....

Please note attached copy of letter from the D.L.R. with reference to the amalgamation of Light Railways with Foreways .

Your attention is particularly called to paragraphs 3 and 5 .

A copy of chart showing the areas of responsibility "Mechanical" and "Operating" is attached for your information .

Garnett H. Ord

3.9.1918.

Major,
S.L.R. Fifth Army.

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Director of
Light Railways.
No. 527/1
27-8-18.

A.D.L.R.
Fifth Army.

With reference to the Conference held at your Headquarters on the 27th instant, concerning the amalgamation of Light Railways and Foreways: I confirm the arrangements come to thereat, namely;

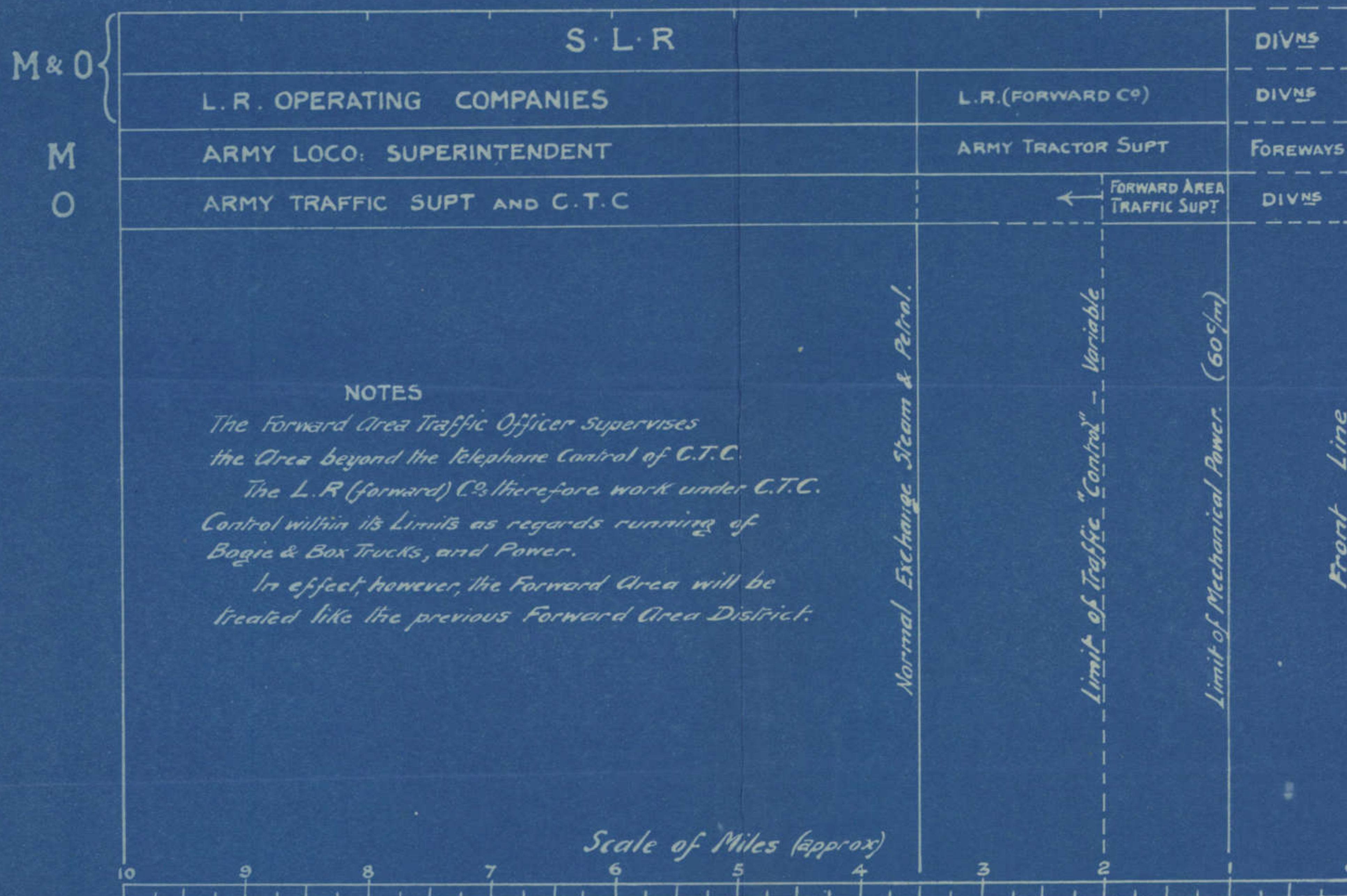
- (1) The 33rd Company is under orders to proceed to your Army Area, and you will proceed with the relief of the 3rd Australian Company and its taking over from No. 3 Foreway Company, as soon as possible.
- (2) A detachment of the 22nd Trains Crew Company is also under orders to proceed to your Army Area.
- (3) The chart shewing the areas of responsibility 'Mechanical' and 'Operating', which accompanied the "Notes for A.D.L.R. Conference" held at BEAURAINVILLE on the 18th July, remains unaltered, and the amendment to the wording of the duties of the Forward Area Officer will be as per attached slips.
- (4) Instructions as regards the Construction side will be issued later.
- (5) I would like to emphasize the necessity of realising that the amalgamation of Light Railways and Foreways is to be complete and not partial, and that the whole will be one composite undertaking under your supervision. At the same time, one of the most important duties of the Forward Area Officer will be to ensure that Divisions get that domestic service for which Foreways were originally constituted.

A.P.O. S.33.
27th August, 1918.

(Sgd) G. Harrisson. B. General.
for Director of Light Railways.

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AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY : MECHANICAL AND OPERATING.



S.L.R.,
 FIFTH ARMY.

No.
 Date 31.8.1918.

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