

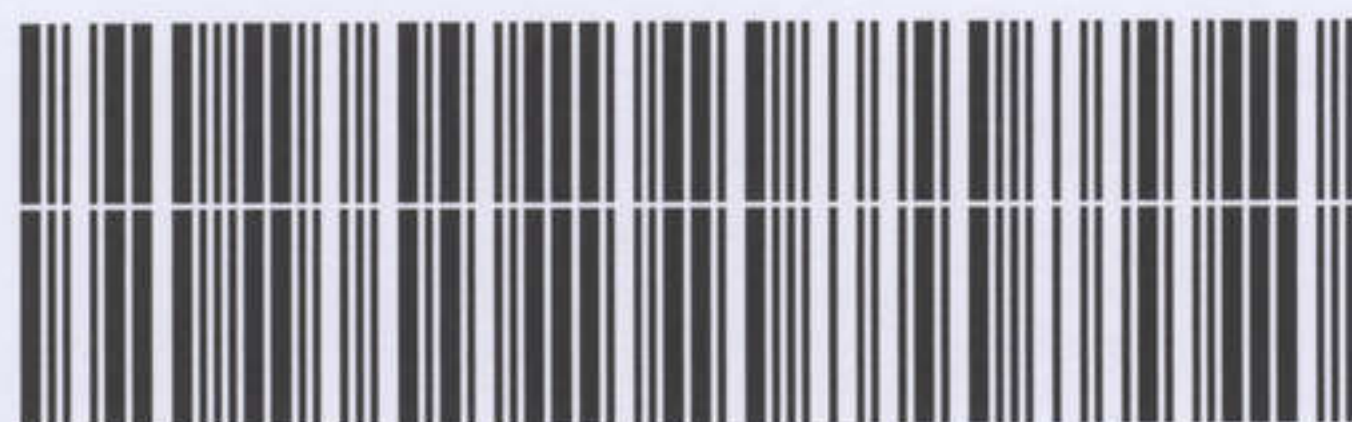
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WAR DIARY

OF

4th Australian B.G.R.O. Coy.

FOR

November 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dunkirk November 1913			<p>There has been little of interest to record during the month of November, with the Exception of the ceasing of hostilities of the great war. The greatest event that has occurred in the world.</p> <p>Observers tell us that "History repeats itself" and the truth of the adage is to hand. The hour has sounded when the sacred dreams of all the civilized world are realised. In the war zone France has been threaded by army railways, (both broad & light). These have without doubt introduced a new factor destined to exercise a powerfull influence on the conduct of this war.</p> <p>"The railway in close connection with vast military operation would ^{al} alone be enough to give distinction to this campaign in military history". I venture to say the organization of railways have been responsible for the saving of many a life by quick removal from the battle field to hospital etc. And it may be reasonably assumed they have also played an important factor in the supply of goods & ammunition.</p> <p>To glance back to earlier days of warfare, ashy the most strenuous exertions only sufficient supplies were conveyed right up to the front to save men from want.</p> <p>All these conditions are now altered by the introduction of railways, if not perfect, it furthur established a precedent to be widdy followed in later years.</p> <p>D. D. & L., London, E.C. (16340) W4 W5300/P713 750,000 3/18 E 2688 Forms/C2118/15.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
unkirk. vember 1913			<p>The following letter was received from the Col onel G.A.L. Dumont Commissaire Militaire du Resau du Nord. as per appendix no. Congratulating this unit upon the consistently fine work done during September. <u>Extract from letter to O.C.</u> from Lt Col Le Paget R.E. O.C. R.O.D. Appendix No</p> <p>Lines operated over same as previously recorded.</p> <p>R.O.D. Statistics Form R.O.D. 44 appendix No</p> <p>Strength of Company Aust B.G.R.O.Coy Officers 3 O.R. 319 R.E. R.O.D. attached " 3 O.R. 417</p> <p>Weather fine and bright, cold, slight breeze.</p> <p>The general condition of the company as to health, discipline amoral conduct GOOD.</p> <p>Appendices 1 to 3 are available for reference in diary</p> <p><i>W Russell</i> Capt 4 Aust BGRoc</p>	<p>No 1</p> <p>- 2</p> <p>- 3</p>

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APPENDIX

Paris.

4th October, 1913.

From

Le Colonel G.A.L. Dumont,
Commissaire Militaire du Réseau du Nord.

to

Colonel Paget, C.M.G., D.S.O., R.E.
O.C. R.O.D.

s/c from General Murray, C.B., C.M.G., D.R.T.

The last fortnight of September was particularly heavy for the Loco: of the British Army in the Dunkerque region.

I am most happy to be able to tell you how precious the help you have given us has been.

I ask you particularly to be good enough to transmit to Captain T.W. Russell, O.C., R.O.D., Dunkerque, my best thanks for all the devotion which he has displayed in this momentous occasion.

(Signed) G.A.L. Dumont.

4TH	
AUSTRALIAN D.S.	
RLY. O. COY.	
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EXTRACT FROM LETTER TO CAPTAIN RUSSELL

FROM LT. COL. C. PAGET, R.E., O.C., R.O.D.

4TH AUSTRALIAN B.G. RLY. O. COY.
Date

Dear Russell,

I am very glad to be able to forward
to you the enclosed letter of appreciation from
Colonel Dumont of the work done by you and your
Company at Dunkerque in the latter half of September.

Yours Sincerely,

(Sgd) C. Paget.

9th October 1918.

4TH
RAILWAY OPERATING DIVISION.
AUSTRIAN S.C.
RLY. O. SOY.

R.O.D. 44.

Weekly Return of Broad and Metre Gauge Lines and Depots worked by British Army.

Broad Gauge Line (or Depot) *Dunkirk* *Monthly* Week ending *2 November* 191*8*

LOCOMOTIVE STATISTICS (Separate Statistics for Petrol Tractors).

Length of Line Worked. Kilometres.	Total Number of Engines on last day of week.	Daily Average Number of Engines.	Daily Average Number of Engines in Steam.	Daily Average Number of Engines under or awaiting Light Repairs. (G)	Daily Average Number of Engines under, or awaiting Heavy Repairs. (H)	Percentage of Engines in Steam to Total.	Percentage of Engines under, or awaiting Repairs.	Percentage of Engines Available but not in Steam.	TOTAL ENGINE KILOMETRES.				TOTAL ENGINE HOURS.		CONSUMPTION OF LOCO. STORES (by Engines only).	
									Loaded.	Empty.	Assist-ing.	Light.	Train Engines.	Shunting Engines.	Coal (tons).	Lubricating Oil (gallons).
	<i>60</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>88.11</i>	<i>11.11</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>37954</i>	<i>5700</i>	<i>808</i>	<i>14252</i>	<i>5987.41</i>	<i>14231.30</i>	<i>2640.0</i>	<i>1513½</i>

(G) Including Washouts.

(H) Engines requiring attention at C.M.E. workshops. Give individual engine numbers.

* Includes hours for

STOCK AND CONSUMPTION OF R.O.D. COAL (Tons).

Stock on Hand at beginning of week.	Received during week. (A)	Used during week.	Sent R.O.D. Detachments. (B)	Sent other Units. (C)	Stock on Hand at end of week.
<i>B 421.11</i>				<i>17.12</i>	<i>403.19</i>
<i>C 457.15</i>	<i>4279.17</i>	<i>2640.02</i>	<i>288.10</i>	<i>1032.10</i>	<i>726.10</i>

(A), (B), and (C)—In the case of Coal received from or sent to other Units or Detachments give details.

BREAKDOWN CRANES.

Number of Breakdown Cranes.

PERSONNEL STATISTICS.

DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL. (F)								TOTAL STRENGTH on last day of week. (F)
Repairs.	Shed Duties.	Running.	Ground Staff.	Employed. (D)	Reserve.	Others. (E)	Total.	
<i>Skinner 63</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>213</i>	<i>105</i>		<i>leave etc</i>	<i>Effective</i>		<i>625.</i>
<i>Howe</i>				<i>101</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>(82)</i>		

(D)—Includes Q.M.S. and Assistants, Cooks, Orderlies. (E)—Includes Sick in Quarters, in Hospital, on Leave, in Detention. (F)—Includes all R.O.D. personnel, men of other Units attached for transfer to R.O.D. and men of other Units attached for Railway Work, but not Batmen, Chauffeurs, R.A.M.C. Orderlies, etc.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS.

TOTAL NUMBER OF LOADED WAGONS CONVEYED DURING WEEK.

BRITISH MILITARY TRAFFIC.					Trains Journaliers.	French Military Traffic.	Belgian Military Traffic.	Civil Traffic.	Total Number of Wagons.	Total LOADED Wagon kilometres.
Troops.	Reinforcements and Remounts.	Supplies, Ordnance and General Traffic.	Construction Traffic.	Ambulance Trains.						
<i>652</i>	<i>2478</i>	<i>15317</i>	<i>213</i>	<i>1705</i>		<i>2301</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>2598</i>	<i>26353</i>	<i>1076919.</i>