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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
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**Australian Imperial Force.**

**WAR DIARY**

OF  
4<sup>th</sup> Aust B.G. R.O. Coy

FOR

July 1918

*Dunbarque*

Signature of Officer compiling

*C Matulich  
M.O.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*W Russell  
Capt.*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DUNKERQUE	July 1918		<p>The month of July has passed without any incident happening to this Company.</p> <p>At our new camp Mardych already referred to, an up to date fresh water scheme is being put into operation from the French main.</p> <p>The laying down of approximately one mile of four inch piping is almost completed, which will ensure an abundant and independent supply for all camp purposes, the work of putting down this service is mainly performed by our own details.</p> <p>The latest approved Bath houses and Latrines have been erected for the use and convenience of the Unit Staff and other ranks and the construction of Service Strong Dug-out is quickly being pushed on with, thus leaving little room for complaint as the comfort generally afforded.</p> <p>Much improvement has been effected in the method of coaling Locomotives at our depot, with a steam crane and skip (tubs) with a holding capacity of 15 cwt, this work is carried out much more expeditiously and with less labor than hitherto, under the</p>	

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Dunberque	July 1918		<p>obsolete system of coal baskets. Locomotive Statistics, Stock &amp; Consumption, Personnel Statistics &amp; Traffic Statistics.</p> <p>We have been relieved from the control of the small sand dépôt at Ghyvelde which was "cut out", and the men have been withdrawn and placed on other duties, some of them drafted to other R.E. dépôts.</p> <p>No new sections of work have been taken over by this Company during the month, but in several of the Cabins ("Signal") in yards under our control, men have been placed for the purpose of learning the Yards and Cabins. These men will carry out Signaller duties should the necessity arise, and the French staff withdrawn at any time.</p> <p>I am pleased to report there has been no delays in dealing with our train departures, which directly or indirectly affect the conduct of the Army.</p>	app. No. 1

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Dunkerque	July 1918		<p>The O.C. and Sub, have had their overseas leave due to them since my last Report, and it is hoped that the remainder of the Company will be allowed their overseas leave at an early date.</p> <p>On the 16<sup>th</sup> General Sir W.R. Birdwood K.C.B. K.C.S.I. K.C.M.G. C.I.E. D.S.O. A.D.C. G.O.C. A.I.F. visited the Company. I desire to mention the Troops Congratulate him upon his appointment to the Command of the 5<sup>th</sup> Army, Every Australian Soldier speaks of his humane sympathy and appreciate his kind words of inquiry on parade. It is at once the glory of the Empire to have a leader, on whom it devolves serious thinking as to whether enforcing book discipline would mean faction or otherwise, of this all important part, needless to say the General knows the colonial methods and spirit.</p> <p>If the discipline in a technical unit appear less rigorous, there is a far greater camaraderie between men and Officers, as any one who has come in contact will bear witness.</p> <p>In a great organization this existence spirit speaks for itself.</p>	

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L Dunkerque	July 1918		<p>No. and type of engines operating same as previously recorded.            Strength of Company. 4th Aust B.G.R.O. Coy + Officer 305 other ranks            R.O.D.R.E attached 6 " 412</p> <p>No more N.C.O.s to be appointed to substantive rank in draft of reinforcements for Railway Units.</p>	<p>App 2</p>
		<p>Offence Report.</p> <p>In this Report I would like to make mention of the general devotion and attendance to duty of the men in our Unit who are repeatedly subjected to enemy Air Raids and Gun shelling, the two towns viz: Dunkerque and Condkerque where our depots are situated, as the Authorities are aware being perpetual targets for German frightfulness.</p> <p>I am pleased to say that not one instance of shirking duty (and the conditions are at times extremely trying) has been recorded against any man. We are also glad to say that no casualties have occurred as a result of these war methods of our enemy.</p>	<p>3</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Lumberqu	July 1918		<p>In the course of a few days the 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this World War will be upon us for the past few weeks the Allied successes has been bright news to learn, strengthening the endeavors of each and everyone of us, to put greater energy into our separate duties, and it is hoped that at last the beginning of the end is fast approaching and that a glorious and satisfactory victory of which we all look forward to, will be attained.</p> <p>Graph's Total Engine Kilo's  " " Wagons and Loaded Wagon Kilo's</p> <p>The weather for the month has been fine and pleasant.</p> <p>The general health of the Unit is excellent and the conditions, discipline and moral conduct good.</p> <p>(Appendices 1 to 5 available for reference in diary)</p> <p><i>W. Russell</i></p>	<p>App 4 5</p>
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OF

4<sup>th</sup> Aust B.G.R.O. Coy

FOR

July 1918



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|---|--|
| 1 | Locomotive Statistics - Stock Consumption<br>Personnel Statistics & Pfc Statistics             |
| 2 | No more N.C.O.'s to be appointed to<br>Substantive rank in draft of<br>Reinforcements for R.V. |
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R.O.D. 44.

RAILWAY OPERATING DIVISION.

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

4th Aust BGR.O. Coy Gauge Line (or Depot) Dunkerque Week ending July 1918

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).
	68	68	55	12		80.88	17.64	1.48	30200	14137	1356	16150	5720 1/2	11.913	1777 1/2	1244 3/4

(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. <i>months</i>	Received during week. (A) <i>months</i>	Used during week. <i>months</i>	Sent R.O.D. Detachments. (B)	Sent other Units. (C)	Stock on Hand at end of week. <i>months</i>
B 435.1		2.5			432.1
C 3433.18	1777.10	2566.11	586.15	662	1396.2

(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.
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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.	
65	116	249	112	177	10	10	729	707

(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.

*Consumption of coal per engine per kilo*  
37.29  
*Consumption of oil per engine per kilo*  
0.62

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.						
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4th Aust B.G.R.O.Coy.,

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Ref 3/6a  
9-7-18.

A notification has been received by A.I.F. Headquarters from Defence Department, MELBOURNE, that action has been taken to ensure that no more N.C.O's be appointed to substantive rank in the Monthly draft of reinforcements for Railway Units subsequent to May, 1918.

(signed) S.H.Hancox Lt-Colonel,  
C.O. Aust Railway Coys.

R.S.M. Martulich

4TH AUSTRALIAN B.G. ALY. COY. No. Date.

Offence Report (Field Service only).

Army Form B. 2069.

Corps 4th Aust B.G. Coy.

Table with 11 columns: Squadron, Troop, or Company; Regt. No.; Rank; Name; Place and Date of offence; Offence; By whom reported and Names of Witnesses; Initials of Officer Comdg. Company, &c; Punishment awarded; Signature of Officer by whom ordered and date of award; Date of entry in Conduct Sheet; Remarks.

N.B.—A horizontal line should be drawn the whole length of the Return after each day's offences are entered.

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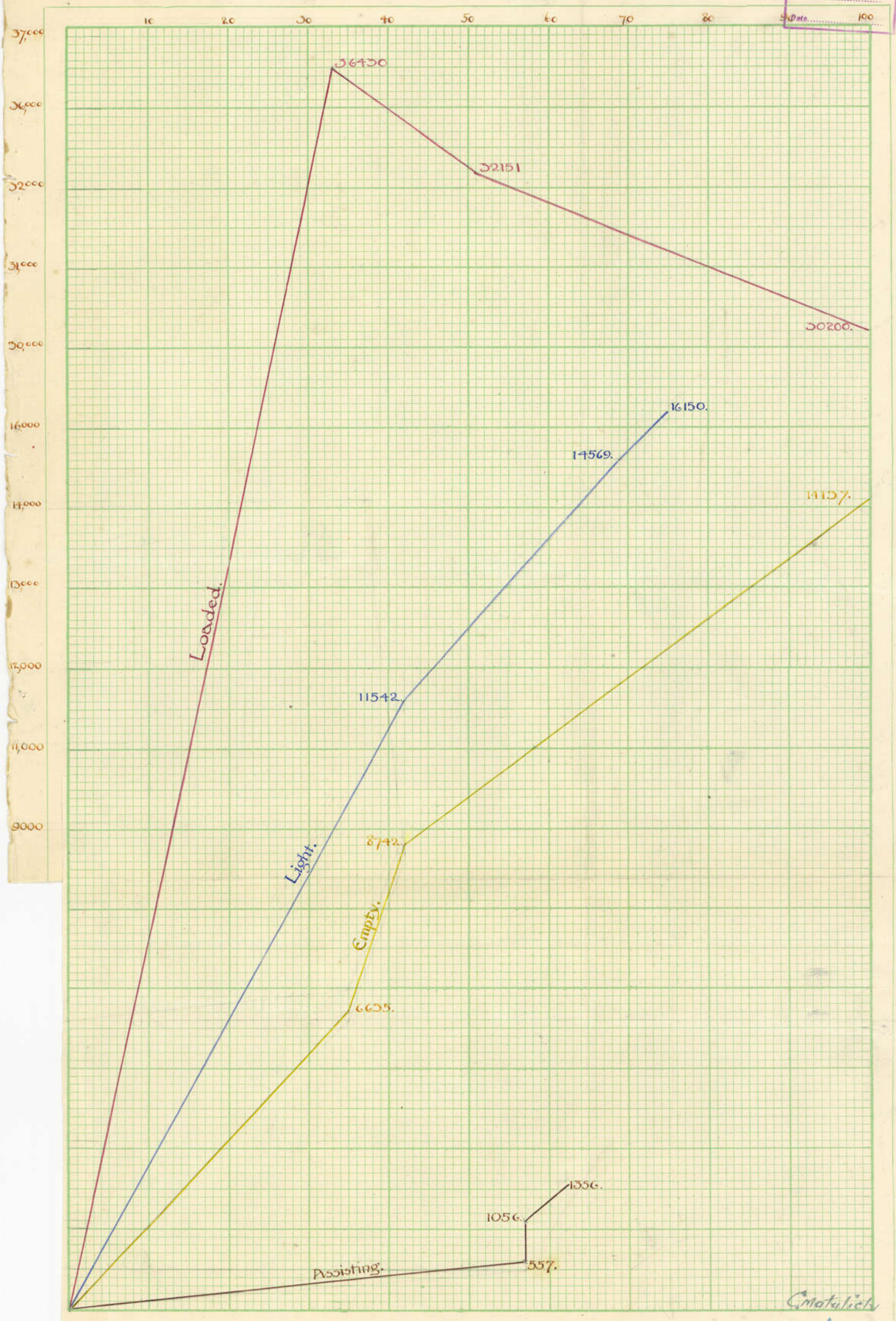
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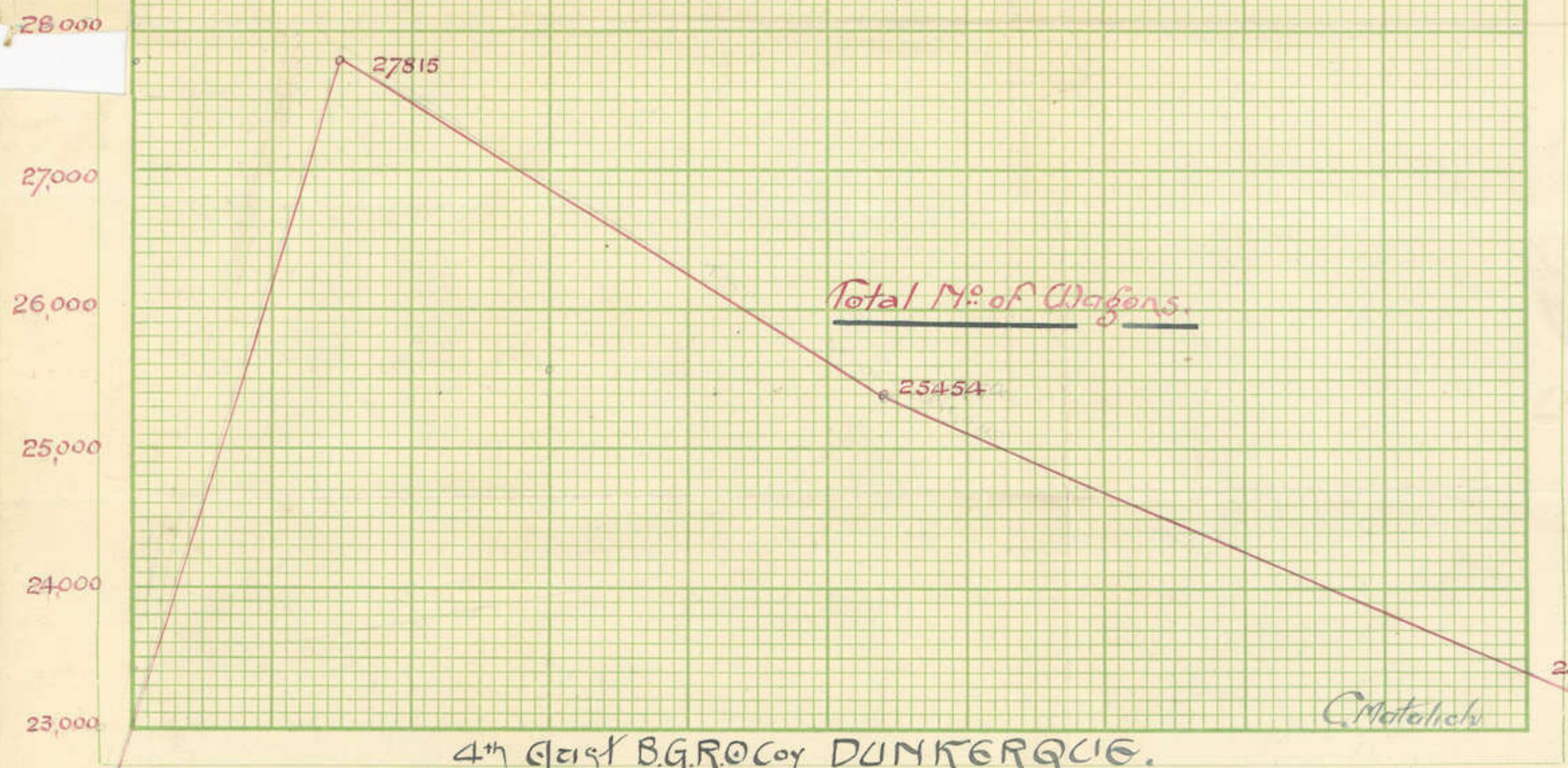
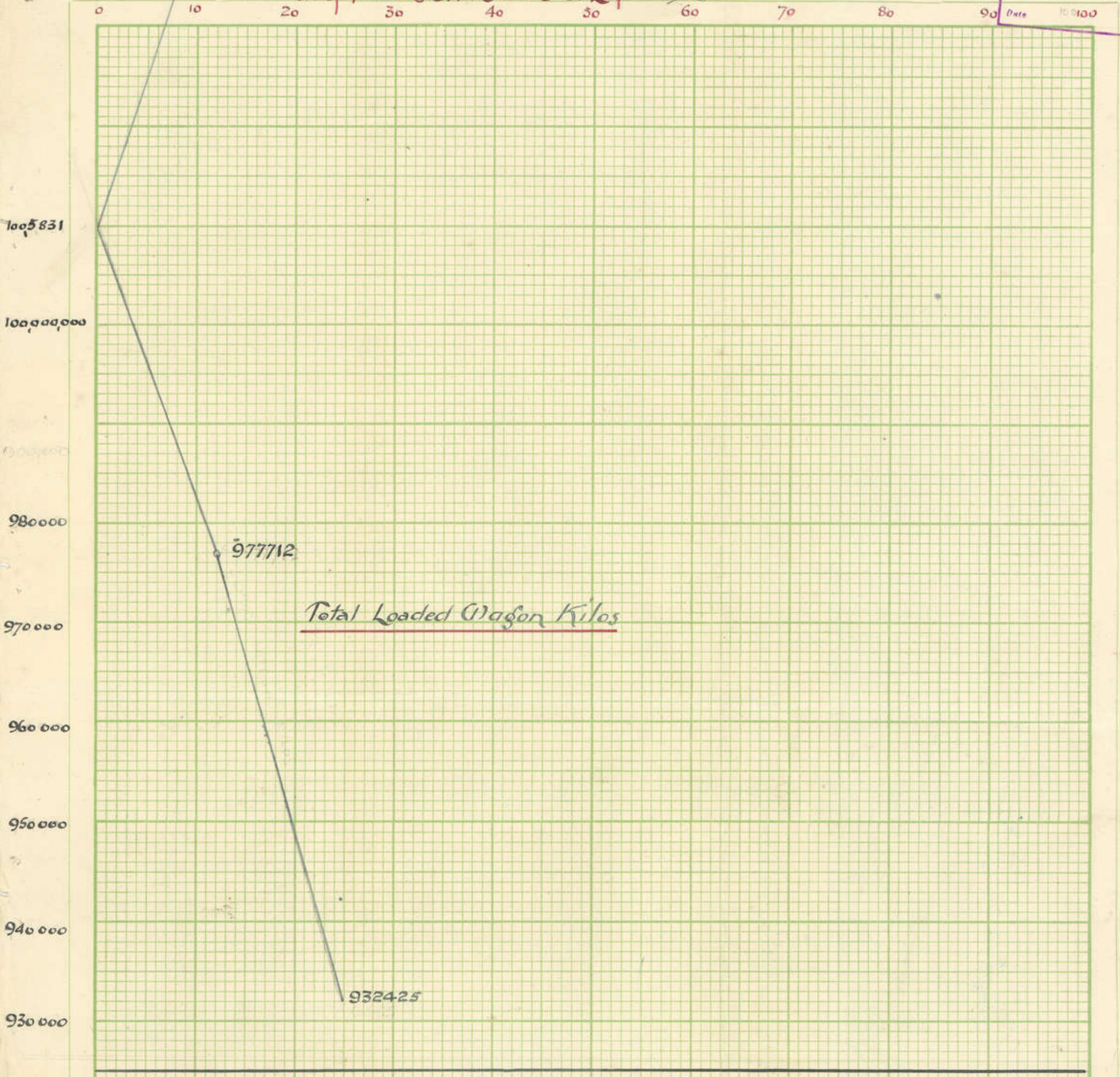
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TOTAL WAGGONS and LOADED WAGON KILOS  
MAY - JUNE - JULY 1918

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4th Light B.G. RLY. COY DUNKERQUE.

C. Matelich

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