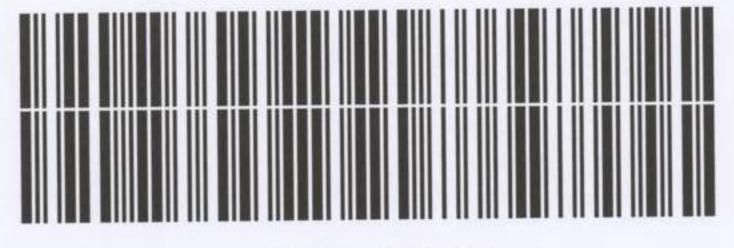
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
oulers.	Saturda 1st Ma:	rch. 19.	This morning at 8.30 the Ration Train(engine and van) ex Courtrainto Vlamertinghe, collided with the rear of a train conveying french troops from Courtrai to Dunkirk, whilst this train was standing on main line at Passchendaele Station. No loss of life was sustained, several	
			wagons were derailed and damaged on the troop train. A heavy fog was in existence at the time. The obstruction was removed at 14.00. No serious delays were occassioned to traffic,	
			two trains ex Couetrai for Dunkirk, viz, French Leave and a French Troop Train were diverted over Belgian lines to Destination via Cortemarck and Adinkerque. An inquiry is being held	
			as to the cause of the accident. Total traffic North Bound 8, South Bound 10 trains. Heavy fog existing until 11.00 hours, weather cool and dull.	
oulers.	Sunday March.1		"Summer" time as from today, all clocks being advanced one hour. Total North Bound traffic 9, South Bound 7 Trains. Weather conditions fime cool and clear.	
oulers.	Monday March, 1	1919.	The last of the train crews loaned to Outreau Depot returned to Unit today, Two trains of french troops worked from Courtai to Dunkirk today. Total traffic North Bound 8, South Bound 10 trains. Weather fine and mild.	
oulers.	Tuesday March, 1	1919.	Ypres advised at 8.00 hours to instruct all drivers to take water at Inglemunster, the water column at that station being out of order. Repairs were effected at 15.00 hours. Two trains of french troops were worked from Courtrai to Dunkirk today. Total traffic North Bound 9, South Bound 12 trains. Weather conditions fine and mild.	
oulers.	THE RESIDENCE OF THE PARTY OF T		Three trains of french troops worked from Courtrai to Dunkirk today. Total trainc North Bound 10, South Bound 11 trains. Weather cool and light rain falling all day.	
oulers.	Thursda March.	1919.	Belge engine No.4002 hauling train of 42 empties ex Courtrai to Bergues, failed at Menin Jnc; at 11.35, the train was garaged at Roulers and subsequently worked to Bergues with R.O.D. engine. Advice was received from R.O.D. Bergues, at 20 hours, to instruct all drivers that speed limit of 5 miles per hour must not be exceeded over section Grombeke Rd- Provens until further notice. Five trains of french troops worked from Courtrai to Dunkirk today. Total traffic North Bound 12, South Bound 16 trains. Rain falling and weather conditions cold today.	

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oulers.	Friday,7t	Three trains of french troops worked from Courtrai to Dunkirk today. Total Traffic North Bound 12 Trains. Weather conditions fine and mild.	
oulers.		h Gordon House Block Cabin "cut-out" today, the section now is, Ypres North - Hell Fire Corner. Total traggic North Bound 10, South Bound 13 trains. Rain falling, and weather conditions dull and cold.	
oulers.	Sunday,9t	Six trains of french troops from Courtrai to Dunkirk today, of these, two trains were worked by Belgian engines and crews. Total traffic North Bound 9, South Bound 12 trains. Weather conditions dull and very mild.	
oulers.	March, 191	th Three trains of french xxxx troops worked from Courtrai to Dunkirk today. Total traffic North Bound 12, South Bound 10 trains. Fine mild weather prevails today.	
oulers.	Tuesday, 11 March 191 Wednesday	Advice received from Belgian Authorities that a Works Train Will run daily as its and	
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oulers.	Thursday,	Weather conditions colder, and rain faith	
coulers.	Friday, 14 March. 1919	THE PARTY OF THE P	
Roulers.	Saturday, 15th Mch.		
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Roulers	Suhday, 16th Six trains of French troops were worked from Courtrai to Dunkirk. Total traffic North Bound March, 19. 9 trains, South Bound 9 trains. Of North Bound traffic, 6 trains consisted of "E T.U. empties" for french troop loading at stations North of Courtrai. Weather dull and cold, and light rain falling.	
Roulers,	Monday, 17th Four trains of French tropps worked from Courtrai to Dunkirk. Total traffic North Bound &x March 1919. 9, South Bound 7 trains. Weather conditions dull and cold.	
Roulers.	Tuesday, 18th Two trains of French troops worked from Courtrai to Dunkirk. Total traffic North Bound 9, March 1919. South Bound 7 trains. A cold dull day, rain falling at night.	
Roulers.	Wednesday, 19th One train of French troops loaded at Roulers and worked forward to Dunkirk. Total traffic March 1919. North Bound 8, South Bound 7 trains. WEXMX Weather sleeting, dull and cold.	
Roulers.	Thursday, 20th Traffic quiet today; total traffic North Bound, 6, South Bound 5 trains. Weather sleeting at March, 1919. very cold.	nd
Roulers.	Friday, 21st March, 1919. Belgian Civil Railway Authorities took full charge of Roulers Station today, including Control Office, also Section as far as Passchendaele. The line worked and manned by this Company is now from Passchendaele(ex) to Ypres North(exe). Total traffic North Bound 9, South Bound 7 trains. Very cold and light rain falling all day.	
Roulers.	Saturday, Total traffic over Section today was, North Bound 7, South Bound 7 trains. Ziki Cold dull 22nd March, 19. weather prevails.	
Roulers.	Sunday, 23rd Total traffic North Bound 7, South Bound 7 trains. Weather conditions dull and cold.	
Roulers.	March, 1919. Monday, 24th, Total traffic North Bound 6, South Bound 7 trains. Cold winds blowing. March, 1919.	
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Tuesday, 25th		Appendices
March, 1919.	Three trains of French troops loaded at Poperinghe, and worked to Courtrai by this Company's engines and crews. Total traffic North Bound 9, South Bound 6 trains. Weather conditions squally and extremely cold.	
Wednesday, 26th Mch, 19.	Total traffic North Bound 5, South Bound 6 trains. Sleeting and weather conditions cold.	
Thursday, 27th	State Railways on 28th Inst, the Company to then proceed to Conchil-Le-Temple on 29th Inst, to	
Friday, 28th March, 1919.	All working was handed over to Belgian State Railways at 9.00 hours this morning, and our staf: withdrawn. 3 engines were worked to Audruicq today and handed over to that Depot. Today completes the practical railway working of this Company in France and Belgium. Weather conditions fine, cold and clear.	f
Saturday, 29th	TIO TOMPLOS TIO	
Sunday, 30th March 1919.	Company with Living train of 35 wagons departed from Roulers at 14.00 hours, arriving at Bergues Exchange at 18.00 hours. Snow falling, and weather conditions very colf.	
Monday, 31st March 1919.	Company rested at Bergues today, and arrangements made with French Railway Officials for train to depart from Bergues Ex at 9.00 in morning. Weather conditions clear and cold.	1
	Chursday, 27th arch, 1919. Saturday, 28th arch, 1919. Sunday, 30th arch 1919. Monday, 31st	Chursday, 27th Orders were received today from R.O.D. H.Q. that all Working to be handed in over to Belgian arch, 1919. State Railways on 28th Inst, the Company to them proceed to Conchil-Le-Temple on 29th Inst, to there await Repatriation Orders. Arrangements were made accordingly with Belgian Authorities to hand over at 9.00 in morning. Total traffic North Bound 4, South Bound 5 xim trains. Weakher conditions dull and cold. Friday, 28th arch, 1919. All working was handed over to Belgian State Railways at 9.00 hours this morning, and our staffiarch, 1919. Withdrawn. 3 engines were worked to Audruicq today and handed over to that Depot. Today completes the practical railway working of this Company in France and Belgium. Weakher conditions fine, cold and clear. Arrangements made to work Living Train forward tomorrow at \$200 to Conchil-Le-Temple. The arch 1919. Staff stationed at Courtrai, which includes Loco Depot and Running Staff, were moved to Roulers with engine 1639, this engine being retained at Roulers to work train forward tomorrow. Snowing heavily today, and weather extremely cold. Company with Living train of 35 wagons departed from Roulers at 14.00 hours, arriving at Bergues Exchange at 18.00 hours. Snow falling, and weather conditions very cold. Monday, 31st Company rested at Bergues today, and arrangements made with French Railway Officials for train

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Roulers	March	1.1919.	An inquiry was held as to the cause of the accident at passchendaele on the morning of the let Inst, and responsibility fixed on the Driver of Ration Train and the Blockman at Menin Road Junction, who were dealt with accordingly. It is of interest to record that this mishs is the first occasion during the whole of the working of this Company in Belgium and France where direct responsibility for a breach of the regulations has been fixed on train crews and traffic operators. Traffic during the month has been normal, the daily average of trains North Bound being 8, and South Bound 8 trains. The trains consisted mainly of French troops Narianama South Bound, and French supplies North Bound. Previous to handing over the Section to the Belgian State Railways, their employees were placed at the various stations and block-cabins and tutored by our men as to the local conditions appertaining at the those points. During this period the Belgian Officials were rationed by this Company; this being necessary owing the the isolated positions of these stations. This month closes the practical working of the Unit in France and Belgium, the Company departing from Roulers to Conchil-Le-Temple on the 29th Inst, there to await repatriation to Australia. During the month several members of the Company were despatched to England, there to undergo training in various trades and schools under the A.I.F. Educational Scheme. The general health of the Company has been good throughout the month.	
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